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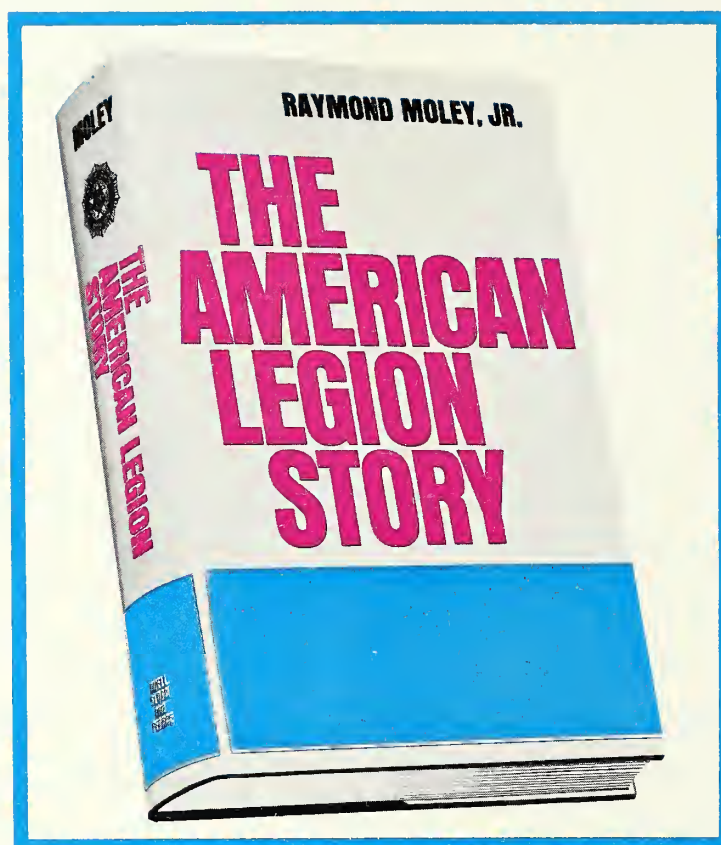
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obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the
autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master
of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard
and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and
democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our
devotion to mutual helpfulness.*

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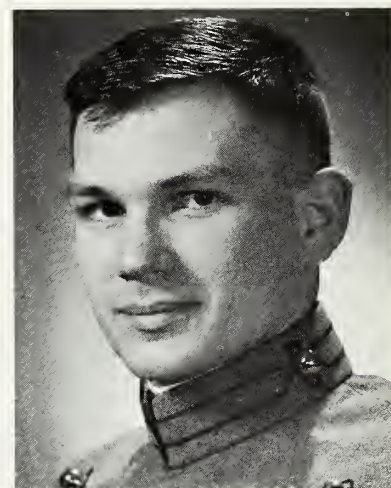
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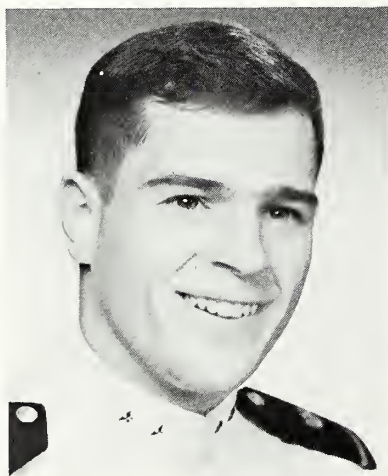
AIR FORCE

Cadet Daniel I. Twomey, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Twomey, Los Angeles, California, recipient of the General Muir S. Fairchild Award, sponsored since 1959 by The American Legion and presented annually to that graduating cadet at the United States Air Force Academy who demonstrates the highest proficiency in all academic subjects.



ARMY

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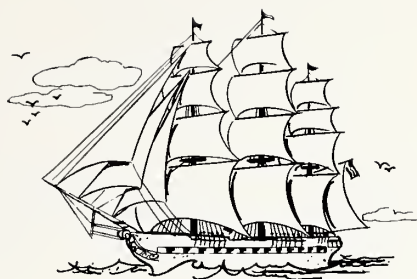
COAST GUARD

Cadet Robert E. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman E. Long, Novelty, Ohio, recipient of the \$150 American Legion Coast Guard Academy Award, presented annually since 1938 to that graduating cadet of the United States Coast Guard Academy who is considered to have excelled personally in athletics.



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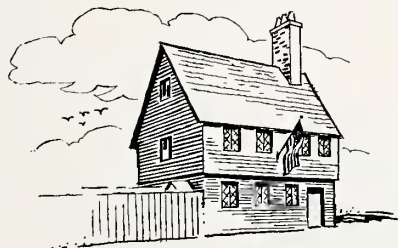
Midshipman Neil Gordon Mathison, son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Mathison, Seattle, Washington, recipient of the \$150 American Legion Naval Academy Award, presented annually since 1935 to that midshipman of the third class at the United States Naval Academy who stands first in the course in United States Foreign Policy.



The American Legion Boston Convention Program

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**Welcome
to the
49th Annual
National
Convention!**

As The American Legion assembles in historic Boston for our Forty-Ninth Annual National Convention we cannot help but be reminded once again of the noble birthright that is ours as American citizens, and which had its beginnings in and around this great city nearly two centuries ago.

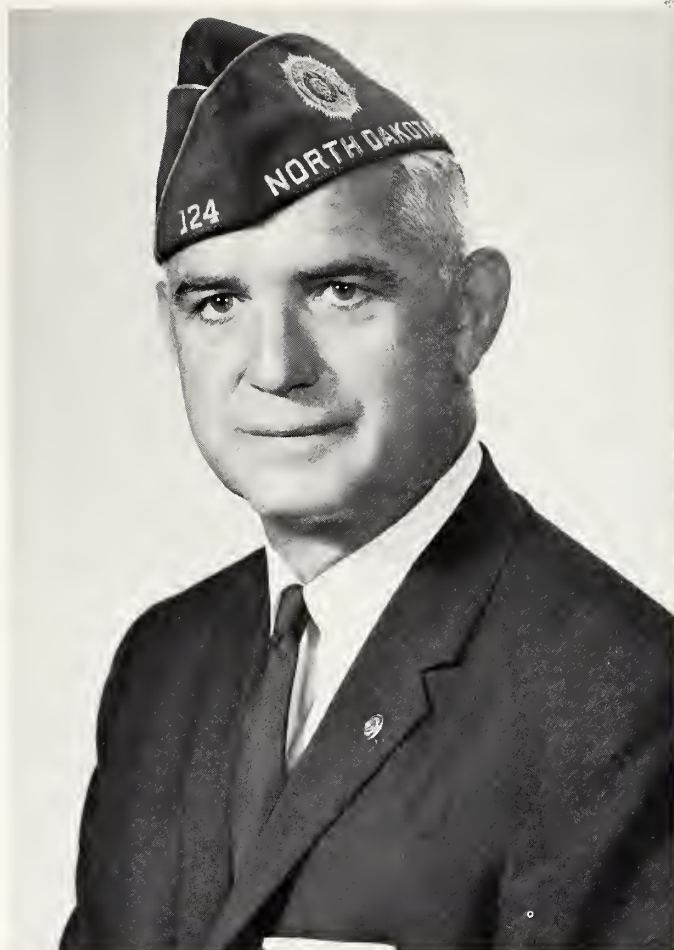
It was here that Americans first moved to strike the bonds of tyranny, and not too far away was fired "the shot heard around the world." The echoes of that shot have never ceased reverberating and every generation of Americans, from the days of the founding fathers to the present day, has stood firm in the defense of the freedoms so dearly purchased by those who answered our country's first call to arms.

During my term of office as your National Commander, one of the principal objectives of The American Legion has been to help strengthen the firmness and the resolve of the American people to the end that freedoms won and held at the cost of great individual and collective sacrifice may stand forever as a beacon of hope to the oppressed peoples of the world. I fully anticipate that this must be a continuing effort for the voice of dissent is a part of the voice of democracy even though, at times, its volume is out of all proportion to its strength.

We have faced these crises in other eras of the nation's history. We have survived them, and we shall survive this one. I am confident that The American Legion will emerge from this Convention stronger and better equipped to serve the needs of the nation, the most demanding of which are for strength and unity. Never in our history have we failed our country when she has had need of our services. We embark upon the important business of this Convention dedicated to the proposition that we shall not fail her now.

John E. Davis

JOHN E. DAVIS
National Commander





Church Directory

The following is a partial list of churches and synagogues in the Boston, Massachusetts Area including those which may easily be reached from most Convention Hotels. For a more complete listing, please consult the telephone directory.

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7 Montgomery Street
KE 6-3050

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110 Commonwealth Avenue
CI 7-9119

PEOPLES BAPTIST CHURCH
134 Camden Street
427-0424

TREMONT TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
88 Tremont Street
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CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY CROSS
Washington Street
542-5682

HOLY SPIRIT CHAPEL
5 Park Street
742-4460

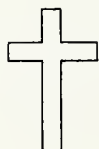
OUR LADY OF THE RAILWAYS CHAPEL
South Station
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KI 2-6440

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OLD SOUTH CHURCH
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KE 6-1970

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
67 Newbury Street
CO 6-7480

PARK STREET CHURCH
Park & Tremont Streets
523-3383

EPISCOPAL

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
136 Tremont Street
LI 2-8674

CHRIST CHURCH
(OLD NORTH CHURCH)
193 Salem Street
LA 3-6676

TRINITY CHURCH
Copley Square
KE 6-0944

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
419 Shawmut Avenue
CO 2-9070

GREEK ORTHODOX

GREEK CATHEDRAL CHURCH
EVANGELISMOS
514 Parker Street
GA 7-4500

GREEK CHURCH OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
15 Union Park Street
KE 6-5692

JEWISH

ASSOCIATED SYNAGOGUES OF MASS.
177 Tremont Street
HA 6-0412

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF BOSTON
Longwood Ave. & Plymouth Sts.
LI 6-3960

LUTHERAN

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF BOSTON
299 Berkeley Street
KE 6-8851

METHODIST

CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS
(MORGAN MEMORIAL)
11 Wheeler Street
HA 6-9670

OLD WEST CHURCH
131 Cambridge Street
227-5088

TREMONT ST. METHODIST CHURCH
740 Tremont Street
CO 6-6533

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
67 Newbury Street
CO 6-7480

SWEDENBORGIAN

CHURCH OF THE NEW JERUSALEM
140 Bowdoin Street
LA 3-4575

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH
355 Boylston Street
KE 6-7050

VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BOSTON
565 Boylston Street
CO 6-6710





THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 27, 1967

Dear Commander Davis:

I always welcome the opportunity to greet and salute America's Legionnaires.

You enter your 49th year with a proud tradition of service to God and country. Your keen interest and ambitious programs in such vital fields as child welfare, youth recreation, and community health and safety have contributed immensely to the betterment of our nation.

In time of peace as in time of crisis, you have carried our country's flag with honor, pride and distinction. You have persevered in tragedy and prevailed in triumph.

You have brought understanding support to those who carry forward this country's efforts in South Vietnam -- and your inspiring example reaffirms our pledge to a victory over aggression and tyranny and our desire to see peace-loving people enjoy the rights of self-determination and freedom.

May this nation -- and nations everywhere -- draw sustaining strength from the proud principles on which your reputation was built -- and endures.

Sincerely,

Mr. John E. Davis
National Commander
The American Legion
Indianapolis, Indiana



ACTIVE: WAR VETERANS

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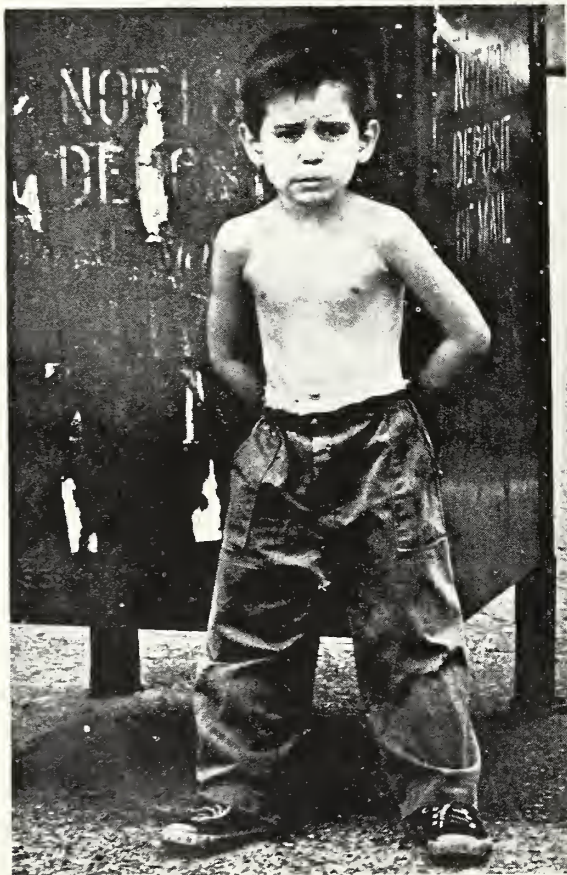


This new 24-sheet billboard poster is now available to boost The American Legion's membership campaign. It's brand new and priced at a modest cost that even the smallest post can afford.

The complete poster, as pictured here, is only \$6 which includes all handling and shipping charges. For just a little more of an investment, the identity of the sponsor—name and number of the post, identification of the district or county organization, or the name of the department—can be imprinted in black letters in the lower left portion, just under the word, "Legion."

For such imprinted identification, there is an additional charge of \$6 for initial type set-up, plus 25 cents for each poster imprinted. (Example: One poster with imprinted identification would cost \$12.25; ten (10) posters with the same imprinting would be \$68.50, or only \$6.85 each.)

Orders for the posters, accompanied by checks or money orders made payable to the National Treasurer, The American Legion, should be sent to: National Internal Affairs Division, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206. Allow at least three weeks for delivery of imprinted posters and two weeks for those without any special imprinted identification.



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TO THE AMERICAN LEGION
FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

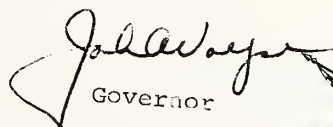
I am indeed pleased to extend my own personal welcome and the greetings of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to all Legionnaires and their families attending the Forty-Ninth National Convention of the American Legion.

Massachusetts is certainly an appropriate site for this Convention, for the American Legion has attained great heights in the Bay State, having a long-established reputation for outstanding public service and civic awareness.

I know that all the delegates and their families look forward to visiting the many sites of historic and educational interest in our Capital City of Boston. We offer excellent opportunities for cultural and recreational enjoyment, and all our citizens stand ready to welcome you with traditional New England hospitality.

Please accept my heartiest wishes for a most successful and enjoyable Forty-Ninth National Convention, and may your stay in Massachusetts leave you with pleasant memories which will bring you back soon and often to our State.

Sincerely,


Governor



EXHIBITS

All Legionnaires should be sure to attend the Convention exhibits at the War Memorial Auditorium, 900 Boylston Street, at the Prudential Center during the three days of business sessions, August 29-30-31.

Private industry, the military services and civic organizations will have displays that will interest the conventioners and make the visit well worthwhile.

The variety of business displays will include novelties, toys, ceramics, emblems and, for the ladies, make-up specialties.

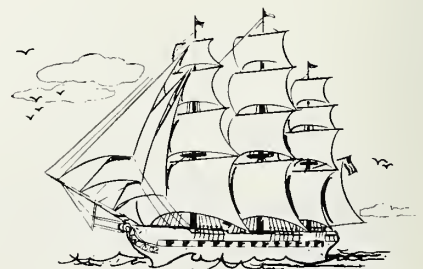
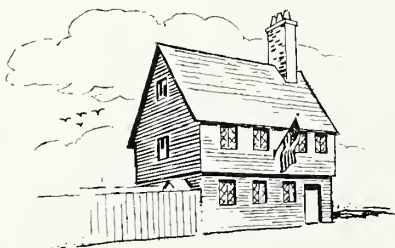
The Boys Clubs and Boy Scout organizations will show what they are doing for the youth of America.

The Military services will display some of the latest hardware that helps to make the United States a world power.

Legionnaires are urged to visit the Auditorium between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on August 29-30-31.

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JOHN F. COLLINS
Mayor

CITY OF BOSTON
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY HALL

AMERICAN LEGION 49th ANNUAL CONVENTION

I am pleased to extend a warm welcome on behalf of the people of Boston, to the many thousands of Legionnaires who will be visiting our historic city in August 1967 for the 49th Annual Convention of the American Legion.

It is most appropriate that your organization should meet in Boston where the struggle for our nation's independence had its beginning. The maintenance of freedom is not an easy task; being one that requires vigilance, perseverance and sacrifice. Not only have Legionnaires, past and present answered their country's call in her hours of need but they have worked diligently to foster patriotism and preserve American ideals.

We are proud to have you in our city. There is much to see in Boston of both the old and the new. We will make every effort to make your stay with us a pleasant and memorable occasion.

I sincerely hope that the business sessions of the convention will prove to be most successful and that all Legionnaires, their families and friends will enjoy the Many Worlds of Boston.

With Kindest Regards.

Sincerely,

John F. Collins
John F. Collins
Mayor

THE NEW
BOSTON



WHERE to REGISTER, OBTAIN INFORMATION, BUY CONTEST and BEAN SUPPER TICKETS

Six locations for the above will be maintained in Boston for the convenience of visitors. You may register for the Convention (\$3.00 per adult), find the answers to your Convention questions, or buy tickets for the Junior-Senior Drum and Bugle Corps Final Contest and the Rotary Club's Boston baked bean supper salute to The American Legion.

Locations in the Lobbies of:

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Statler Hilton Hotel
The Parker House
The Bradford Hotel

Also at:

The Chamber of Commerce Information Booth, Boston Common, Tremont Street. All booths, as outlined above, will open at noon on August 24.

These services will also be available at the War Memorial Auditorium during the three days of business sessions.

Tickets for the Junior-Senior Drum and Bugle Corps Finale are Reserved Seats, \$3.00 and \$2.00; General Admission, \$1.50. All musical-marching unit personnel may purchase the \$1.50 tickets for \$1.00 when purchasing tickets as a group. A coupon included in each registration packet (within the Official Convention Program) may be used to reduce the price of either the \$3.00, \$2.00, or \$1.50 tickets by 50¢.

The show is scheduled for Fenway Park commencing at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 27.

Tickets for the Rotary Club Boston baked bean supper are priced at \$2.00. This event will be held at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30.

Hospitality and Information centers have been located by American Legion Posts of the Department of Massachusetts along the major highways leading into Boston.



Headquarters for the Registration, Information, Tour, Transportation, and Ticket Committees is at the Convention Corporation Headquarters, The Parker House, 60 School Street, corner Tremont Street, Boston.



The beautiful War Memorial Building in Boston, Mass., will be the site of the three-day formal business sessions of the 49th Annual National Convention. Described as the "showplace of the new Boston," the Auditorium seats 5,826 people.



EDMUND L. MCNAMARA
POLICE COMMISSIONER

City of Boston Police Department

Office of the Commissioner

June 29, 1967

To Our Legionnaire Visitors:

The entire personnel of the Boston Police Department extends to you a cordial welcome to the city of Boston and are sincere in their desire to make your stay a memorable one.

Our department is dedicated to extend to all members of the American Legion, their families and their guests every possible courtesy to assure the 1967 American Legion Convention of being the best in its history.

Our department will channel the sum total of their efforts to provide maximum police service for the daily events of your Convention and make sure that facility of movement, complete protection and full cooperation are granted to you in every way that comes under our powers. It is our sole intent to demonstrate our sincerest welcome to the Legionnaires by so doing.

You may rest assured that no effort will be spared on our part to assure the outstanding success of the 1967 American Legion Convention in our great city, the "New Boston."

Sincerely,

Edmund L. McNamara

Police Commissioner
for the City of Boston

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NATIONAL CONTESTS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 AND 27, 1967

JUNIOR DRUM & BUGLE CORPS PRELIMINARY CONTEST Saturday, August 26, 8:00 a.m., White Stadium (Franklin Field) Walnut and Playstead Streets, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

JUNIOR COLOR GUARD CONTEST Saturday, August 26, 8:00 a.m., Boston Common Playground on Charles Street, between Tremont and Beacon Street.

JUNIOR BAND CONTEST Saturday, August 26, 1:00 p.m., Hatch Memorial Shell on the Charles and Charlesbank Park at Charles Street.

AMERICAN LEGION BAND CONTEST Saturday, August 26, 2:00 p.m., Hatch Memorial Shell on the Charles and Charlesbank Park at Charles Street.

AMERICAN LEGION MOTORCYCLE DRILL TEAM CONTEST Saturday, August 26, 2:00 p.m. Site to be announced.

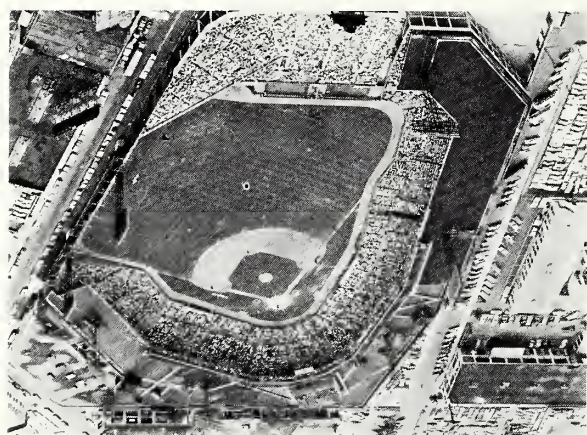
AMERICAN LEGION DRUM & BUGLE CORPS PRELIMINARY CONTEST Sunday, August 27, 8:00 a.m., East Boston Memorial Stadium at Logan Airport.

AMERICAN LEGION COLOR GUARD CONTEST Sunday, August 27, 8:00 a.m., Boston Common Playground on Charles Street, between Tremont and Beacon Street.

AMERICAN LEGION FIRING SQUAD CONTEST Sunday, August 27, following the Color Guard Contest, Boston Common Playground on Charles Street, between Tremont and Beacon Street.

AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY CHORUS AND QUARTET CONTEST Sunday, August 27, 1:00 p.m., Louis XIV Ballroom, Somerset Hotel, 400 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

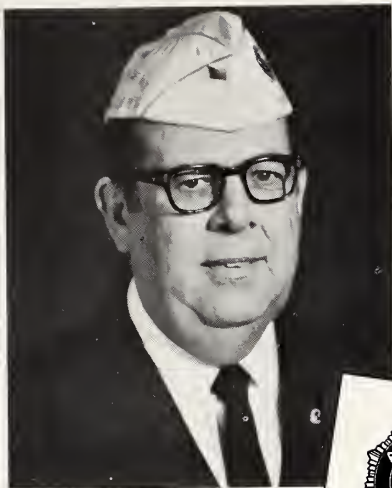
AMERICAN LEGION DRUM & BUGLE CORPS FINALS (SENIOR AND JUNIOR) PARADE OF CHAMPIONS Sunday, August 27, 7:00 p.m., Fenway Park, 4 Jersey Street, Boston. The twelve corps, 5 Senior and 7 Junior who receive the highest scores in the preliminaries will compete, each in their own class, for the National Championship.



Boston's Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox baseball team, will be the site of the colorful Parade of Champions at the 1967 National Convention. The spacious ball park seats more than 33,300 persons, and is expected to be at or near capacity for the Legion event.

In case of rain during the Senior-Junior Corps final contests at Fenway Park, on Sunday, August 27, the event will be held the following night—August 28 in Fenway Park, commencing at 7:00 p.m.





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Office of the Department Commander



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Fellow Legionnaires and Friends:

We welcomed you in 1930, again in 1940, and for the third time The Department of Massachusetts, The American Legion welcomes you to Boston for the Forty-ninth National Convention.

Each and every Legionnaire of this State, and particularly of Greater Boston, is glad you are with us and will assist in making your visit to The Many Worlds of Boston a pleasant, inspiring and historic one.

The World of History - The drama of America's fight for liberty can be experienced by you as you tour the Freedom Trail. This brings to life the sights and events that led to our Nation's independence. The same buildings and sites are preserved for you to see. Let yourself be taken back and relive history where it happened.

The World of Shops and Sights - A shopping spree in Boston is a step into the many worlds of fashion, art, antiques and crafts. Sightseeing buses tour the city and surrounding areas and allow you to "Window Shop" the sights to which you will want to return later and explore. River and harbor cruises show you Boston's emerging skyline and her close ties with the sea.

The World of The Arts - No visit to Boston would be complete without a sampling of its world of culture. For a glimpse of the latest, or a fresh look at old favorites, Boston's Museums and galleries are amongst the Nation's most complete.

Explore The Many Worlds of Boston. We know you will capture some of the charm and flavor of our City.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Norcott
EDWARD J. NORCOTT
Department Commander





Directory of the National Convention

NATIONAL CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS OFFICE

424 Beacon Street
262-8200

CONVENTION CORPORATION HEADQUARTERS

Parker House Hotel
60 School Street
742-6055

THE AMERICAN LEGION HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Prudential Center
236-2000

DISTINGUISHED GUEST HEADQUARTERS

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Prudential Center
236-2000

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS STAFF

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Prudential Center
236-2000

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Statler Hilton Hotel
Park Square
426-2000

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Statler Hilton Hotel
Park Square
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EIGHT AND FORTY HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

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Park Square
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ALABAMA

Parker House
60 School Street
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ALASKA

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426-2000
(Adjutant—Joseph M. Briones)

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Madison Hotel
North Station
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Copley Square Hotel
47 Huntington Avenue
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(Adjutant—Arthur R. Cross)

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547-4800
(Adjutant—Frank L. Remsnyder)

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(Adjutant—William V. Koeninger)

COLORADO

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Cambridge, Mass.
491-1000
(Adjutant—E. Dean Hunter)

CONNECTICUT

Madison Hotel
North Station
227-2600
(Adjutant—Charles L. Parker)

DELAWARE

Fenway Motor Hotel
1271 Boylston Street
267-7300
(Adjutant—Garland D. Bloodsworth)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Holiday Inn
1651 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Mass.
491-1000
(Adjutant—H. Victor Conwell)

FLORIDA

Charterhouse Motor Hotel
5 Cambridge Parkway
Cambridge, Mass.
491-3600
(Adjutant—Ralph A. Johnson)

FRANCE

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Prudential Center
236-2000
(Adjutant—Leo E. Jolin)

GEORGIA

Parker House
60 School Street
227-8600
(Adjutant—George E. Osborne)

HAWAII

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Prudential Center
236-2000
(Adjutant—Orvel T. Shonk, Sr.)

IDAHO

Sheraton-Plaza Hotel
Copley Square
267-5300
(Adjutant—Lou Babb)

ILLINOIS

Statler Hilton Hotel
Park Square
426-2000
(Adjutant—Chester F. Newby)

INDIANA

Sheraton-Plaza Hotel
Copley Square
267-5300
(Adjutant—Frank J. Myers)

IOWA

Lenox Hotel
710 Boylston Street
536-5300
(Adjutant—Glenn N. Dugger)

ITALY

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Prudential Center
236-2000
(Adjutant—Carmine Casolini)

KANSAS

Statler Hilton Hotel
Park Square
426-2000
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KENTUCKY

Parker House Hotel
60 School Street
227-8600
(Adjutant—Ray A. Beyer)

LOUISIANA

Sheraton-Plaza Hotel
Copley Square
267-5300
(Adjutant—Wilson J. Hebert)

MAINE

Treadway Motor House
110 Mt. Auburn St.
Cambridge, Mass.
864-5200
(Adjutant—Anthony J. Rumo)

MARYLAND

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Prudential Center
236-2000
(Adjutant—Daniel H. Burkhardt)

MASSACHUSETTS

Essex Hotel
695 Atlantic Avenue
482-9000
Sheraton Motor Inn
29 Hancock Street
Quincy, Mass.
471-1500
(Adjutant—John P. Swift)

MEXICO

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Prudential Center
236-2000
(Adjutant—W. S. "Dub" Jones)

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The new 1,000-room Sheraton-Boston Hotel, 39 Dalton, will serve as National Headquarters Hotel for the 49th Annual National Convention. The National Commander, other National Officers, and many of the Convention's distinguished guests will be housed here. The National Commander's banquet for distinguished guests will be in the hotel's Grand Ballroom, and many Convention Committee and Commission meetings will be conducted here.

MICHIGAN

Hotel 128 Dedham
Elm Street
Dedham, Mass.
326-6700
(Adjutant—Thomas A. Kouri)

MINNESOTA

Statler Hilton Hotel
Park Square
426-2000
(Adjutant—Frank C. Momsen)

MISSISSIPPI

Copley Square Hotel
47 Huntington Avenue
536-9000
(Adjutant—Frank W. Chambers)

MISSOURI

Parker House Hotel
60 School Street
227-8600
(Adjutant—Aubrey W. Sullivan)

MONTANA

Statler Hilton Hotel
Park Square
426-2000
(Adjutant—Stuart M. Hall)

NEBRASKA

Statler Hilton Hotel
Park Square
426-2000
(Adjutant—Warren E. Baker)

NEVADA

Sheraton-Plaza Hotel
Copley Square
267-5300
(Adjutant—J. E. "Doc" Martie)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ramada Inn
1234 Soldiers Field Road
Brighton, Mass.
254-1234
(Adjutant—Hubert S. O'Neil)

NEW JERSEY

Bradford Hotel
275 Tremont Street
426-1400
(Adjutant—Morris W. Kuzbyt)

NEW MEXICO

Madison Hotel
North Station
227-2600
(Adjutant—Hershel L. Doyle)

NEW YORK

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Prudential Center
236-2000
(Adjutant—Maurice Stember)

NORTH CAROLINA

Lenox Hotel
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536-5300
(Adjutant—J. Carroll Wilson)

NORTH DAKOTA

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Prudential Center
236-2000
(Adjutant—Vernon Useldinger)

OHIO

Somerset Hotel
400 Commonwealth Avenue
267-9000
(Adjutant—J. P. Hone)

OKLAHOMA

Fenway Commonwealth Motor Hotel
575 Commonwealth Avenue
267-3100
(Adjutant—A. R. Tyner, Jr.)

OREGON

Fenway Motor Hotel
1271 Boylston Street
267-8300
(Adjutant—Glenn Howe)

PANAMA

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Prudential Center
236-2000
(Adjutant—Wilbert L. Ney)

PENNSYLVANIA

Statler Hilton Hotel
Park Square
426-2000
(Adjutant—Edward T. Hoak)

PHILIPPINES

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Prudential Center
236-2000
(Adjutant—Casimiro C. Tobilla)

PUERTO RICO

Parker House Hotel
60 School Street
227-8600
(Adjutant—Roberto Gonzales)

RHODE ISLAND

Parker House Hotel
60 School Street
227-8600
(Adjutant—Lee A. Lemos)

SOUTH CAROLINA

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Prudential Center
236-2000
(Adjutant—Page Nelson Keesee)

SOUTH DAKOTA

Statler Hilton Hotel
Park Square
426-2000
(Adjutant—Cyril J. Paul)

TENNESSEE

Midtown Motor Inn
220 Huntington Avenue
262-1000
(Adjutant—Barney W. Greene)

TEXAS

Bradford Hotel
275 Tremont Street
426-1400
(Adjutant—W. H. McGregor)

UTAH

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Prudential Center
236-2000
(Adjutant—Dean C. Hall)

VERMONT

Ramada Inn
1234 Soldiers Field Road
Brighton, Mass.
254-1234
(Adjutant—Bernard F. Freeman)

VIRGINIA

Bradford Hotel
275 Tremont Street
426-1400
(Adjutant—Wilbur Walker)

WASHINGTON

Parker House Hotel
60 School Street
227-8600
(Adjutant—W. H. "Bill" Dunn)

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Logan International
Airport Hotel
Logan International Airport
Boston, Mass.
569-9300
(Adjutant—Tommy E. Jones)

WISCONSIN

Charter House Newton Motor Hotel
160 Boylston Street
Newton, Mass.
527-9000
(Adjutant—Robert G. Wilke)

WYOMING:

Somerset Hotel
400 Commonwealth Avenue
267-9000
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The American Legion National Emblem Sales Locations

LEGION HEADQUARTERS HOTEL
Sheraton-Boston—2nd Floor Level
Prudential Center
Thursday, August 24, through
Thursday, August 31
Hours: 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

**AUXILIARY HEADQUARTERS
HOTEL**
Statler Hilton—Main Lobby
Park Square at Arlington St.
Friday, August 25, through
Thursday, August 31
Hours: 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

WAR MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
900 Boylston Street
(Prudential Center)
Tuesday, August 29, through
Thursday, August 31
Hours: During Convention Sessions

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All locations will have a complete stock of American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary merchandise available. Among the many items are shirts, ties, uniform trousers, jackets, cap insignia, official jewelry, etc., a supply of CAPS lettered for all states will be available at the **SHERATON-BOSTON ONLY. COMPLETE STOCK OF BLAZERS AT SHERATON-BOSTON ONLY.**

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M E E T I N G S

Standing Commissions and Committees

(All meetings will be held in the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, unless otherwise indicated)

Americanism Commission: Executive Section.

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Fairfax Room A.

Chairman: Daniel J. O'Connor, Jackson Heights, New York.

Americanism Screening Committee:

Aug. 23 and 24, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room.

Americanism (Baseball Sub-Committee):

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Fairfax Room B.

Americanism (Educational Sub-Committee):

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Berkley Room A.

Americanism (Immigration, Naturalization & Community Service Sub-Committee):

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Berkley Room B.

The American Legion—NEA Joint Committee:

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Andover Room.

Child Welfare Commission: Executive Section.

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Jefferson Room.

Chairman: Morris (Bob) Nooner, Jr., Plymouth, Illinois.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee:

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Clarendon Room.

Chairman: Judge Alfonse F. Wells, Chicago, Illinois.

Contest Supervisory Committee Headquarters:

Aug. 14-Sept. 2, inclusive, 1st Floor above Main Lobby, Parker House Hotel.

Contest Committee Meetings:

Aug. 23, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Room 118, Parker House Hotel.

Aug. 24, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Old Boston Room, Parker House Hotel.

Aug. 25, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Hawthorne Room, Parker House Hotel.

Aug. 29, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Hawthorne Room, Parker House Hotel.

Chairman: Donald P. Birkett, Dubuque, Iowa.

Convention Commission:

Aug. 25-31, inclusive, 9:30 a.m., Board Room.

Chairman: James V. Demarest, New York, N. Y.

Distinguished Guest Committee: Executive Section.

Aug. 25-31, inclusive, 9:30 a.m., Distinguished Guest Suite.

Chairman: A. L. Starshak, Chicago, Illinois.

Economic Commission: Executive Section.

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Gardner Room.

Chairman: John J. Flynn, Vallejo, California.

Emblem Committee: Executive Section.

Aug. 24 and 25, 9:30 a.m., Kent Room.

Chairman: Julius Levy, Washington, D. C.

Finance Commission:

Aug. 25-31, inclusive, 9:30 a.m., National Adjutant's Suite.

Chairman: Harold P. Redden, Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

Foreign Relations Commission: Executive Section.

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Commonwealth Room.

Chairman: Thomas E. Whelan, St. Thomas, North Dakota.

Internal Affairs Commission: Executive Section.

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Independence Room, East.

Chairman: Donald J. Smith, St. Johns, Michigan.

Legislative Commission: Executive Section.

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Constitution Room.

Chairman: Clarence C. Horton, Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Life Insurance and Trust Committee: Executive Section.

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Exeter Room.

Chairman: William S. Todd, Kingsport, Tennessee.

Membership and Post Activities Committee: Executive Section.

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Hampton Room.

Chairman: Earl D. Franklin, Jr., Sterling, Colorado.

National Security Commission: Executive Section.

Aug. 26, 9:30 a.m., Ballroom, Sheraton Plaza.

Chairman: Emmett G. Lenihan, Seattle, Washington.

Publications Commission:

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Dalton Room.

Chairman: James E. Powers, Macon, Georgia.

Public Relations Commission: Executive Section.

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Independence Room, West.

Chairman: C. D. DeLoach, Alexandria, Virginia.

Rehabilitation Screening Committee:

Aug. 24, 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Room 2914.

Rehabilitation Commission: Executive Section.

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Independence Room, Center.

Chairman: William F. Lenker, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Resolutions Assignment Committee: Executive Section.

Aug. 25, 26 and 27, 9:30 a.m., The American Legion National Headquarters Office, 424 Beacon Street.

Chairman: Charles W. Griffith, Manning, South Carolina.

50th Anniversary Committee:

Aug. 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m., Grand Ballroom.

Chairman: Albert V. LaBiche, New Orleans, Louisiana.

National Executive Committee Meeting

Aug. 27, 2:00 p.m., Grand Ballroom

Chairman: National Commander John E. Davis
Bismarck, North Dakota

Battleship Memorial

Many Legionnaires during Convention Week will take a side trip to the U.S.S. Massachusetts now permanently berthed in Fall River. Although it is a memorial to the 13,000 Bay State servicemen who died in World War II, "Big Mamie," as it is affectionately known, has a unique record—not one person ever lost his life in action while serving on the battleship.

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Paul Revere Statue

The statue of Paul Revere, "Ready to Ride and Spread The Alarm" as portrayed in Long-

fellow's poem "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere," is located near the Old North Church. It was dedicated at the time of the last Boston American Legion National Convention in 1940 with Legion officials participating in the ceremony.

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South Meeting House

The Old South Meeting House, serving both as church and town meeting house, was built in 1729 and saw such events as the meeting that touched off the Boston Tea Party and the christening of Benjamin Franklin.

Meetings of Convention Committees

The following Convention Committees will be composed of one delegate from each Department. Initial meetings of the Convention Committees will be at the time and place as shown below. Subsequent meetings will be at the call of the Chairmen. All meetings will be held in the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, unless otherwise indicated.

(Meetings of Convention Committees will normally be closed to all except Committee members.)

Americanism

Aug. 27 and 28, 10:00 a.m., Fairfax Room A.

Child Welfare

Aug. 27 and 28, 10:00 a.m., Jefferson Room.

Constitutional Amendments

Aug. 27 and 28, 10:00 a.m., Clarendon Room.

Credentials and Internal Affairs

(Credentials and Other Internal Matters):

Aug. 27 and 28, 10:00 a.m., Independence Room, East.

(Membership):

Aug. 27 and 28, 10:00 a.m., Hampton Room.

Economic

(Employment and Veterans Preference):

Aug. 27 and 28, 10:00 a.m., Gardner Room.

(Other Economic Matters):

Aug. 27 and 28, 10:00 a.m., Dalton Room.

Finance

Aug. 27 and 28, 10:00 a.m., Exeter Room.

Foreign Relations

Aug. 27 and 28, 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Room.

Legislative and Rules

Aug. 27 and 28, 10:00 a.m., Constitution Room.

Rehabilitation

(Claims and Rating):

Aug. 27 and 28, 10:00 a.m., Independence Room, Center.

(Hospitals and Medical Services):

Aug. 27 and 28, 10:00 a.m., Independence Room, West.

National Security Committees Joint Meeting:

(Aeronautics and Space, Civil Defense, Merchant Marine, Military Affairs, Naval Affairs): Aug. 27, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Ballroom, Sheraton Plaza.

(Military Affairs): Aug. 27 and 28, 11:00 a.m., Ballroom, Sheraton Plaza.

(Naval Affairs): Aug. 27 and 28, 11:00 a.m., Ballroom Foyer, Sheraton Plaza.

(Aeronautics and Space): Aug. 27 and 28, 11:00 a.m., Copley Room, Sheraton Plaza.

(Civil Defense): Aug. 27, 11:00 a.m., Venetian Room, Sheraton Plaza.

Aug. 28, 11:00 a.m., State Suite, Sheraton Plaza.

(Merchant Marine): Aug. 27 and 28, 11:00 a.m., Dartmouth Room, Sheraton Plaza.

Aug. 29, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Oval Room, Sheraton Plaza.

Old North Church

"The Old North," or Christ Church, is the oldest church building in Boston and stands on its original ground. The parish was organized in 1722 and the Church built in 1723. The spire has long dominated the skyline serving as a landmark for vessels entering the harbor.

When Sexton Robert Newman climbed the steep stairway to the tower of Old North Church on that fateful evening of April 18, 1775, he didn't realize the role he was playing on history's stage. Nor could this patriot have been conscious that his simple act of hanging a pair of lanterns in the belfry—the famous signal to Paul Revere that British troops were crossing to Charlestown by water to seize the military stores in Concord—also symbolized this church's continuing battle for religious freedom and against Puritan intolerance.

The original parishioners were determined that their

monument to Christ represent the best of ecclesiastical architecture. They found inspiration in the work of Sir Christopher Wren and it is no wonder that the hand of this master is seen in Old North Church. The original weathervane fashioned in 1740 is on top of the Colonial steeple. The Church's organ, built in 1759, was the first made in this country. The Avery-Bennett Clock, built in 1726 by two parishioners, keeps perfect time. The political schism of Pre-Revolutionary days carried over into religion. A careful reading of the names and locations of the original pew owners reveals that patriots sat on one side of the church, loyalists on the other.

The crypt, in the cellar of the church, contains 38 tombs and it is believed that 1,100 persons are buried there. According to the custom of the Church of England, burying the dead under the church symbolized that they were still members of the Christian Church.

REUNIONS AND DINNERS

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S DINNER TO DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Grand Ballroom
Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Tuesday, August 29, 7:30 P.M.

AMERICAN LEGION PRESS ASSOCIATION (ALPA)

Somerset Hotel
Awards Banquet
Princess Ballroom
Saturday, August 26, 7:00 P.M.

Breakfast Meeting
Colony Room
Sunday, August 27, 10:30 A.M.
Meeting and Election of Officers, 2:00 P.M.
Mayflower Plaza Room

HISTORIANS' BREAKFAST

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Cafe Riviera
Sunday, August 27, 7:30 A.M.

FODPAL

Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Fairfax Room
Breakfast Meeting, 8:00 A.M.
Tuesday, August 29

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY STATES DINNER

Grand Ballroom
Statler Hilton Hotel
Wednesday, August 30, 8:00 P.M.

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDERS

Somerset Hotel
Saturday, August 26
2:00 P.M.—Business Meeting, Empress Room
6:00 P.M.—Reception, Town Room
7:00 P.M.—Dinner, Country Room

WORLD WAR NURSES

Child's Restaurant
240 Boylston St., Boston
Breakfast, 8:00 A.M.
Monday, August 28
For reservations phone 653-4100

ANAVICUS

Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada
Empress Room
Somerset Hotel
Sunday, August 27
10:30 A.M.—Business Meeting
11:30 A.M.—Cocktails
12:30 P.M.—Luncheon

TWENTY AND FOUR

Sheraton Plaza Hotel
Friday, August 25, Committee Meetings and
Registrations—Copley Room—7:00 P.M.
Saturday, August 26, National Bivouac—
Venetian Room—9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Saturday, August 26, Annual Bivouac Banquet—
Ballroom and Foyer—7:30 P.M.

NATIONAL YEOMEN F

Parker House Hotel
Roof Ballroom
Annual Reunion Breakfast
Tuesday, August 29, 9:00 A.M.

Hospitality Room
Parker House Hotel
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday
August 27, 28, 29
All servicewomen welcome

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN'S LUNCHEON

Exeter Room
Sheraton-Boston Hotel
Wednesday, August 30, 12:00 Noon

EIGHT AND FORTY

Statler Hilton Hotel
La Marche Nationale Banquet
Saturday, September 2, 7:30 P.M.

WORLD WARS TANK CORPS ASSOCIATION

Hospitality Room
Parker House Hotel
August 27-30



Memorial Program

Sunday, August 27, 1967, 4:30 P.M.

Christ Church

(The Historic Old North Church)

193 Salem Street, Boston, Mass.

Parish organized 1722

Church built in 1723

ORGAN MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 143

"National Hymn"

ADVANCEMENT OF THE COLORS

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Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow, Chaplain
Brookline Post No. 11, American Legion

SCRIPTURE

Mrs. William J. Dow (Maine)
National Chaplain, American Legion Auxiliary

HYMN No. 141: "AMERICA"

During the singing of "America," the original
lanterns will be lighted by National Commander
John E. Davis and carried into the tower by James
R. Reynolds II, great, great, great, great grandson
of Paul Revere.

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HYMN No. 396: "FAITH OF OUR FATHERS"

PRESENTATION

By National Commander John E. Davis to The
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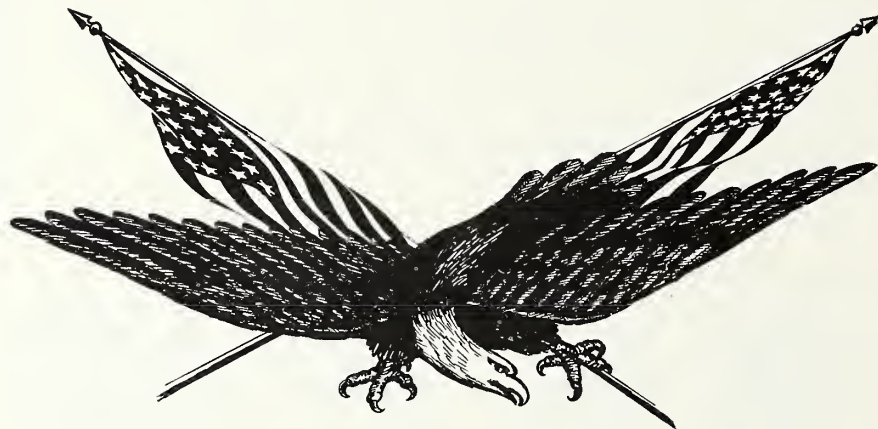
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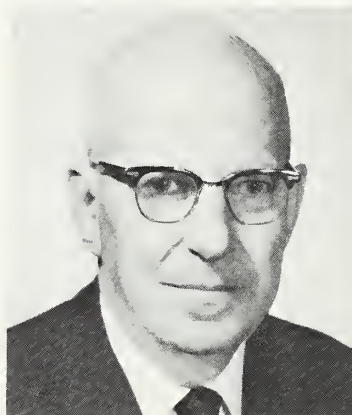
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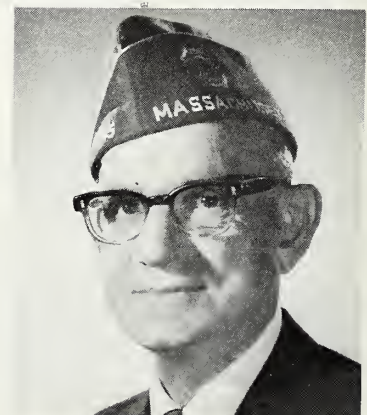
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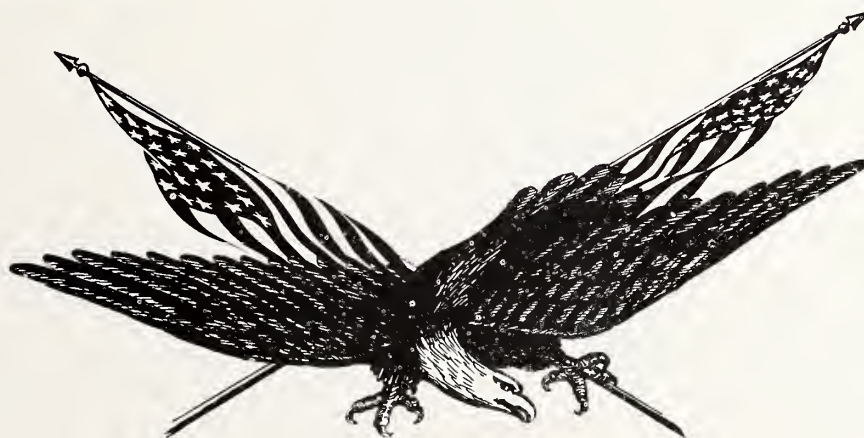
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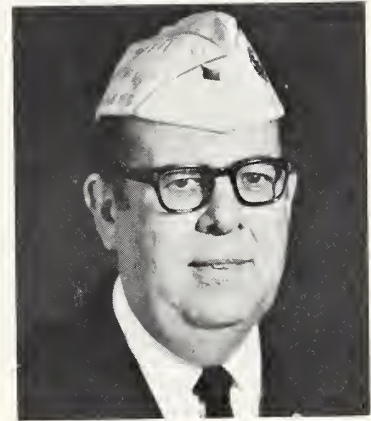
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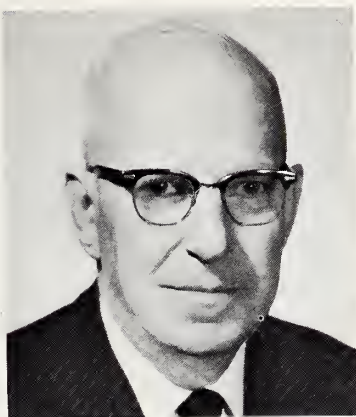
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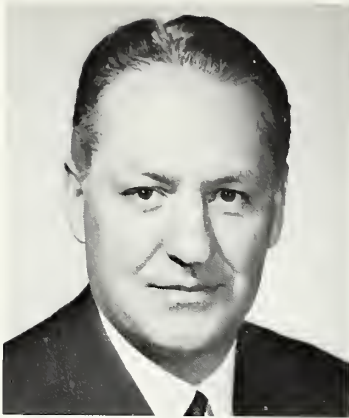


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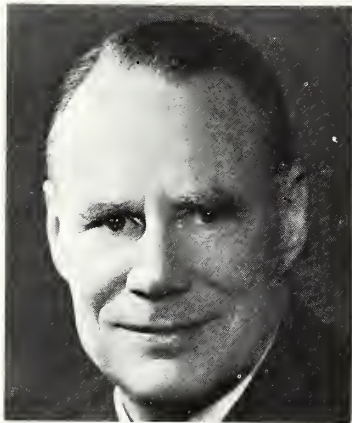
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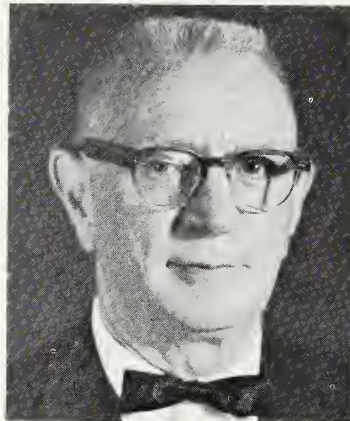
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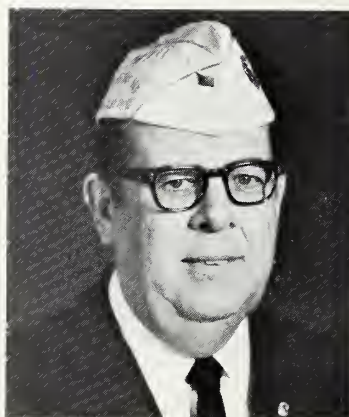
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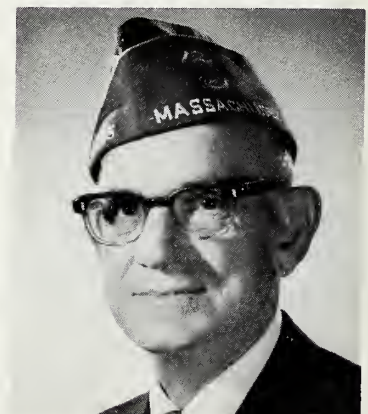
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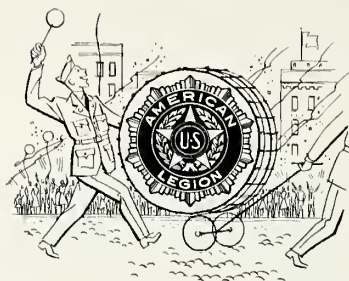
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DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS FINALS AND PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

7:00 P.M., SUNDAY EVENING, AUGUST 27, 1967

FENWAY PARK

See the 12 finest American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps compete for the National Championships!

During the evening, four new Ford automobiles will be presented to members of The American Legion or the American Legion Auxiliary by the Seagrams Posts of The American Legion.

National Commander John E. Davis will make the presentation of awards to the winning corps.

GRAND FINALE

Massing of Championship Uniformed Groups

Admission

Reserved and Box Seats \$3.00

Box Seats \$2.00

General Admission \$1.50

Coupon in Convention Packet good for reduction of 50c on all purchases of tickets.

Transportation

Fast Bus and Subway Service to and from Fenway Park.

CONTEST MEETINGS

Representatives of the competing units will meet in the Hawthorne Room of the Parker House Hotel, Friday, August 25, to receive final official information and instructions at the times indicated below.

1:30 p.m. Junior and Senior Bands

1:45 p.m. Chorus and Quartets

2:00 p.m. Motorcycle Drill Teams

2:15 p.m. Firing Squads

2:30 p.m. Senior Drum and Bugle Corps

3:00 p.m. Junior Sponsored and SAL Drum and Bugle Corps

3:30 p.m. Senior and Junior Color Guards

Official Protest Hearings

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 29

Hawthorne Room, Parker House Hotel

Briefing of Judges

5:00 p.m., Friday, August 25

Hawthorne Room, Parker House Hotel

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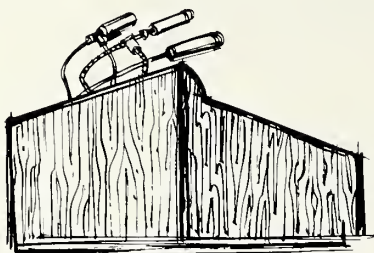


FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



The last time The American Legion proudly stepped off for the National Convention parade in Boston was during the 22nd Annual National Convention and parade day was Sept. 24, 1940. The Legion, then comprised solely of World War I veterans, is now a four-war veterans organization. In the above photo, the massed colors of Illinois pass before thousands of spectators thronging the parade route along Tremont Street.

19th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
AUGUST 29, 30, 31, 1967
BOSTON WAR MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM



TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1967

8:30 a.m.

CONCERT

National Championship Band, Joliet Post No. 1284, Joliet, Illinois

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

John E. Davis (North Dakota), National Commander

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS

National Championship Color Guard, 1st National Bank of Chicago Post No. 985, Chicago, Illinois

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

National Championship Chorus, Sioux Falls Post No. 15, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

INVOCATION

Rev. Fr. Anthony J. O'Driscoll, O.F.M. (N.J.), National Chaplain

CALL FOR CONVENTION

Ernest N. Schmit (North Dakota), National Adjutant

9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME

The Honorable John F. Collins, Mayor of Boston

The Honorable John A. Volpe, Governor of Massachusetts

Edward J. Noreott, Past Department Commander, Department of Massachusetts

Ernest Henderson, Sr., President, American Legion National Convention Corporation of Massachusetts

9:45 a.m.

RESPONSE TO ADDRESSES OF WELCOME

Donald E. Johnson (Iowa), Past National Commander

10:00 a.m.

NATIONAL CONVENTION MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE

Invocation: The Rev. John J. Howard (Va.)

Selection: "There is No Death," National Championship Chorus

Memorial Address, Rev. Fr. Anthony J. O'Driscoll, O.F.M. (N.J.), National Chaplain

Lighting of Convention Peace Candle

Benediction, Rabbi Joseph Shubow (Mass.)

Taps, Bugler-Governaires Drum and Bugle Corps, Bismarck, N.D.

10:30 a.m.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMANDER JOHN E. DAVIS

10:45 a.m.

GREETINGS

Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Sr. (Florida), National President, American Legion Auxiliary

William J. Driver, Administrator of Veterans Affairs

Braulio Alonso, President, National Education Association

Thomas Allsopp, Vice President, Prudential Insurance Company of America, Representing: Boy Scouts of America

James L. Boyle, (Maine), National President, The Society of American Legion Founders

Lt. Gen. William D. Eckert, (USAF Ret.) Commissioner of Baseball

Ronald E. MacBeath, Dominion President, The Royal Canadian Legion

11:15 a.m.

PRESENTATION

The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal

By: National Commander John E. Davis

To: The Honorable Ramsey Clark, The Attorney General Representing: The Honorable Tom C. Clark

11:30 a.m.

PRESENTATION of Medallion to the City of Washington, D.C., the city in which the 1966 National Convention was held.

By: L. Eldon James (Virginia), Past National Commander

To: A. Leo Anderson, Director of Veterans Affairs, District of Columbia

11:45 a.m.

ADDRESS:

Lt. Gen. Pham-Nuan Chieu, President, Vietnamese Veterans Legion

12:15 p.m.

PRESENTATION of Representatives of American Legion Youth Programs

Oratorical Contest Winner and President, 1967 Boys Nation—Alan L. Keyes (Texas)

Representative, Sons of The American Legion—John Ryan (Missouri)

Representative, American Legion sponsored Boy Scouts of America—Dick Tate Clardy, Jr. (Texas)

American Legion Baseball Player of the Year—William C. Parker, Jr., (Alabama)

12:45 p.m.

INTRODUCTION

Chairman of Vietnam Advisory Group
and Report by Chairman

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

1:00 p.m.

CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS
(except resolutions)

LEGISLATION AND RULES
(except resolutions)

1:15 p.m.

PRESENTATION:

By: John C. Lundberg
Dominion President, Army, Navy and
Air Force Veterans in Canada

To: National Commander Davis

1:30 p.m.

ADDRESS

The Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey
Vice President of the United States

SALUTE TO COLORS

Recess

7:30 p.m.

National Commander Davis' Dinner to Distinguished
Guests

Place: Grand Ballroom, Sheraton-Boston Hotel

Speakers: The Governors of the New England States

NOTE: Times of subsequent sessions and times of Convention Committee Reports are subject to change by the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1967

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

John E. Davis (North Dakota), National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

INVOCATION

Rev. Fr. Anthony J. O'Driscoll, O.F.M. (N.J.) National Chaplain

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

9:15 a.m.

CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Credentials and Other Internal Matters
Membership

9:30 a.m.

LEGISLATION AND RULES

9:45 a.m.

PRESENTATION: William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy

By: Mark Finley,
Promotion Director,
Boston Record American

To: Winning Department

10:00 a.m.

ADDRESS

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
Minority Floor Leader
House of Representatives
Congress of the United States

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

10:30 a.m.

AMERICANISM

11:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION: The American Legion Fourth Estate Award

By: National Commander John E. Davis

To: Richard H. Amberg
President and Publisher
St. Louis Globe-Democrat

11:15 a.m.

ADDRESS

General Wallace M. Greene, Jr.
Commandant
United States Marine Corps

(Program continued on next page)

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

11:45 a.m.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Military
Naval
Aeronautics and Space
Civil Defense
Merchant Marine

12:15 p.m.

ECONOMIC

Employment and Veterans Preference
Other Economic Matters

12:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION: Department Public Relations Award

By: National Commander Davis

To: Department of Alabama
J. D. Myers, Past Department Commander

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

12:45 p.m.

CHILD WELFARE

1:00 p.m.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

1:15 p.m.

REPORT: 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

By: Donald E. Johnson (Iowa)
Past National Commander

1:30 p.m.

FINANCE

1:45 p.m.

ADDRESS

The Honorable John Stennis
United States Senator from Mississippi

SALUTE TO COLORS

Recess

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1967

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

John E. Davis (North Dakota)
National Commander

INVOCATION

Rev. Fr. Anthony J. O'Driscoll, O.F.M. (N. J.)
National Chaplain

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

9:15 a.m.

REHABILITATION

Claims and Rating
Hospitals and Medical Services

9:45 a.m.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

10:15 a.m.

ADDRESS

The Honorable George Meany,
President American Federation of Labor
and Congress of Industrial Organizations

10:45 a.m.

PRESENTATION: The American Legion International
Amity Award

By: National Commander John E. Davis

To: The Rt. Hon. Lord Carew, C.B.E.
Representing: The British Legion

11:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE AND COLORS TO OUTGOING NATIONAL COMMANDER

By: Lynn U. Stambaugh (North Dakota)
Past National Commander

RESPONSE BY COMMANDER DAVIS

11:15 a.m.

ADDRESS:

Donald M. Kendall, President
PepsiCo., Inc.

12:00 noon

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

National Commander
Five (5) National Vice Commanders
National Chaplain

1:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO INCOMING NA- TIONAL COMMANDER

RESPONSE BY NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BENEDICTION

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

FINAL ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: *The National Executive Committee will meet within twenty-four hours after the close of the Convention, upon call of the National Commander.*

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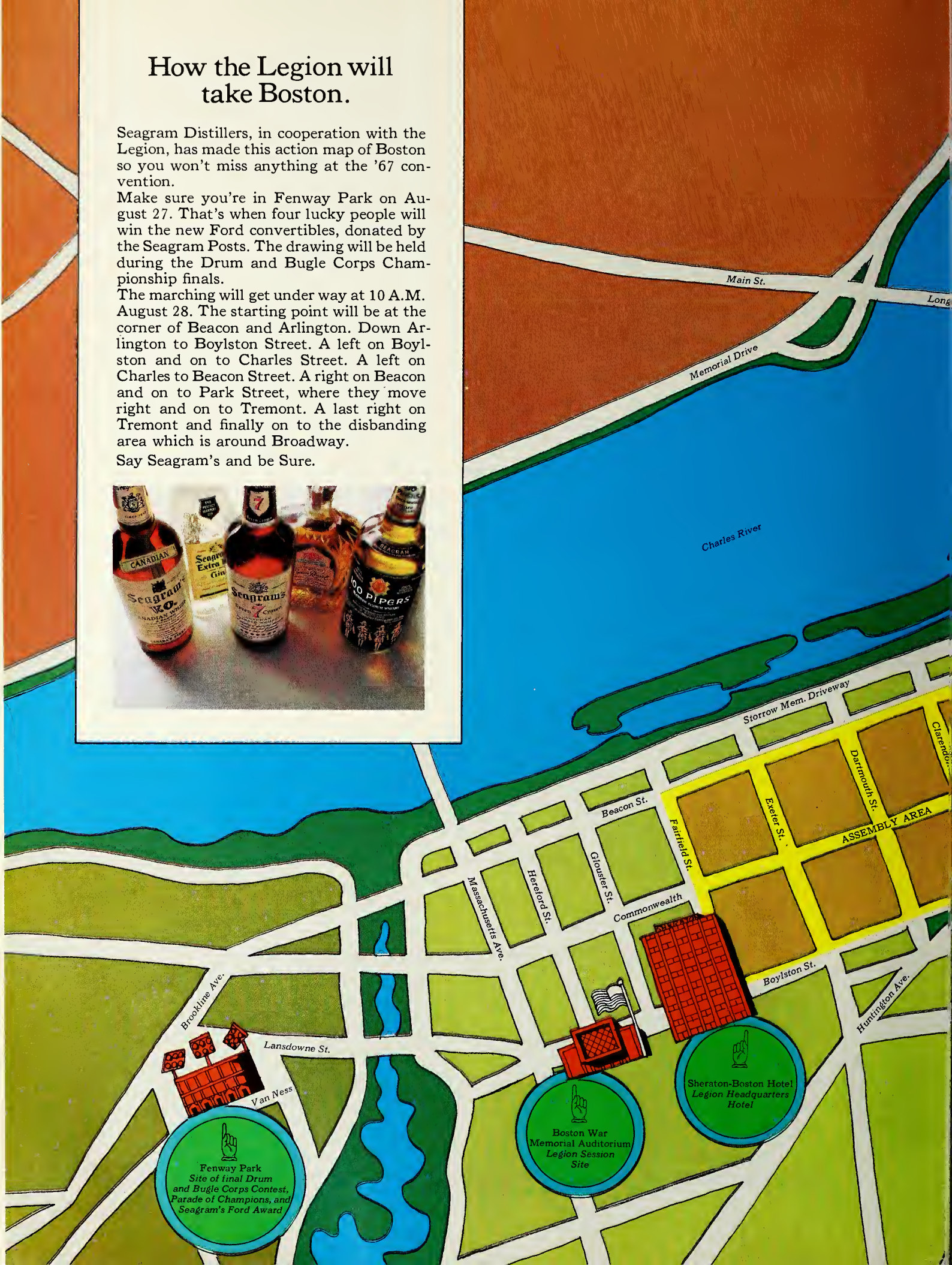
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Seagram Distillers, in cooperation with the Legion, has made this action map of Boston so you won't miss anything at the '67 convention.

Make sure you're in Fenway Park on August 27. That's when four lucky people will win the new Ford convertibles, donated by the Seagram Posts. The drawing will be held during the Drum and Bugle Corps Championship finals.

The marching will get under way at 10 A.M. August 28. The starting point will be at the corner of Beacon and Arlington. Down Arlington to Boylston Street. A left on Boylston and on to Charles Street. A left on Charles to Beacon Street. A right on Beacon and on to Park Street, where they move right and on to Tremont. A last right on Tremont and finally on to the disbanding area which is around Broadway.

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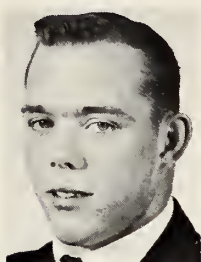
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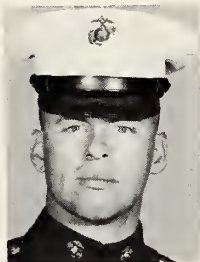
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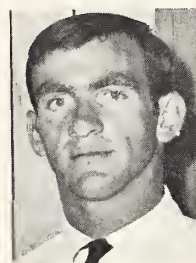
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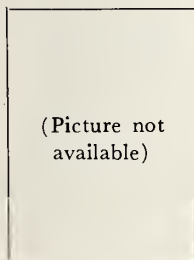
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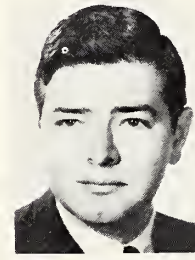
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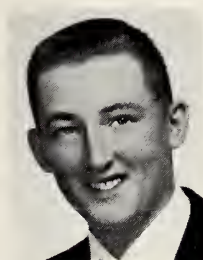
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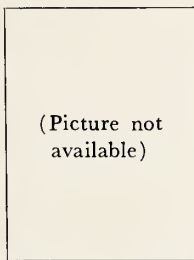
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The report of the Vietnam Era veterans is expected to be one of the highlights of the National Convention. Veterans of active military service since August 5, 1964, became eligible for American Legion membership one year ago.



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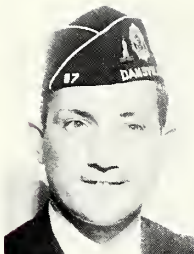
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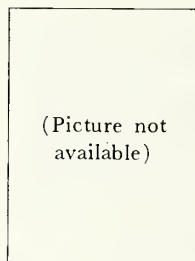
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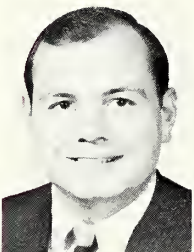
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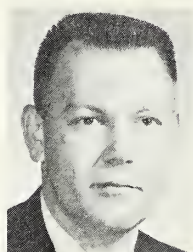
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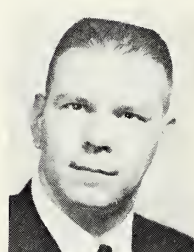
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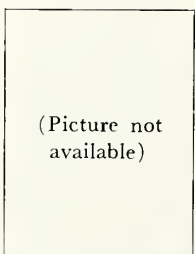
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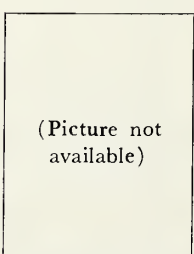
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Rock Springs, Wyo.
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Recipients of The American Legion

Distinguished Service Medal

THE HONORABLE TOM C. CLARK



Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France—1921	Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. (Posthumously)—1945	Rep. Royal C. Johnson (Posthumously)—1953
Adm. Earl Beatty of Great Britain—1921	Ernest (Ernie) Pyle (Posthumously)—1945	Maj. Gen. George A. White (Posthumously)—1954
Gen. Baron Jacques of Belgium—1921	Hon. Henry L. Stimson 1945	Dr. Jonas E. Salk 1955
Gen. Armando Diaz of Italy—1921	Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz 1945	Maj. Gen. Ellard A. Walsh 1955
Charles Bertrand of France—1921	Gen. of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower 1945	Vice Adm. Joel T. Boone 1956
Gen. of the Armies John J. Pershing 1922	J. Edgar Hoover 1946	Charles Stewart Mott 1956
Adm. Robert E. Coontz 1923	Bob Hope 1946	Gen. Mark W. Clark 1957
Gen. Josef Haller of Poland—1923	William Randolph Hearst 1946	The Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen 1957
Ignace Jan Paderewski of Poland—1926	Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey 1946	Bernard Mannes Baruch 1958
Comte Francois Marie Robert Dejean of France—1927	Hon. Cordell Hull 1946	Unknown Servicemen of World War I, World War II, and Korea, interred at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery 1958
Field Marshal Viscount Allenby of Great Britain—1928	Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen 1947	Sen. Robert S. Kerr 1959
Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis 1929	Sen. Edward Martin 1947	President John F. Kennedy 1961
Adm. William S. Sims 1930	Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson 1947	Gen. Lucius D. Clay 1962
Gen. Douglas MacArthur 1942	President Harry S. Truman 1949	Dr. Thomas A. Dooley (Posthumously)—1962
Gen. George C. Marshall 1943	George Herman (Babe) Ruth (Posthumously)—1949	Francis Cardinal Spellman 1963
Adm. Ernest J. King 1943	Maj. Gen. Frank Parker (Posthumously)—1949	Dr. Charles W. Mayo 1964
Hon. Frank Knox (Posthumously)—1944	Charles F. Johnson, Jr. 1950	President Herbert C. Hoover (Posthumously)—1965
Henry Ford 1944	Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord 1950	Hon. James F. Byrnes 1965
Gen. H. H. Arnold 1944	Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers 1950	Capt. Roger H. C. Donlon 1966
President Franklin D. Roosevelt (Posthumously)—1945	Gen. Charles P. Summerall 1951	

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Ohio 1920-21

***John G. Emery
Michigan 1921

Hanford MacNider
Iowa 1921-22

*Alvin M. Owsley
Texas 1922-23

John R. Quinn
California 1923-24

*James A. Drain
District of Columbia 1924-25

*John R. McQuigg
Ohio 1925-26

*Howard P. Savage
Illinois 1926-27

*Edward E. Spafford
New York 1927-28

*Paul V. McNutt
Indiana 1928-29

*O. Lee Bodenhamer
Arkansas 1929-30

*Ralph T. O'Neil
Kansas 1930-31

Henry L. Stevens, Jr.
North Carolina 1931-32

*Louis Johnson
West Virginia 1932-33

*Edward A. Hayes
Illinois 1933-34

*Frank N. Belgrano, Jr.
California 1934-35

Ray Murphy
Iowa 1935-36

Harry W. Colmery
Kansas 1936-37

Daniel J. Doherty
Massachusetts 1937-38

Stephen F. Chadwick
Washington 1938-39

Raymond J. Kelly
Michigan 1939-40

Milo J. Warner
Ohio 1940-41

Lynn U. Stambaugh
North Dakota 1941-42

*Roane Waring
Tennessee 1942-43

Warren H. Atherton
California 1943-44

Edward N. Scheiberling
New York 1944-45

*John Stelle
Illinois 1945-46

Paul H. Griffith
Pennsylvania 1946-47

James F. O'Neil
New Hampshire 1947-48

Perry Brown
Texas 1948-49

George N. Craig
Indiana 1949-50

Erle Cocke, Jr.
Georgia 1950-51

Donald R. Wilson
West Virginia 1951-52

Lewis K. Gough
California 1952-53

*Arthur J. Connell
Connecticut 1953-54

Seaborn P. Collins
New Mexico 1954-55

J. Addington Wagner
Michigan 1955-56

Dan Daniel
Virginia 1956-57

John S. Gleason, Jr.
Illinois 1957-58

Preston J. Moore
Oklahoma 1958-59

Martin B. McKneally
New York 1959-60

William R. Burke
California 1960-61

Charles L. Bacon
Missouri 1961-62

James E. Powers
Georgia 1962-63

Daniel F. Foley
Minnesota 1963-64

Donald E. Johnson
Iowa 1964-65

L. Eldon James
Virginia 1965-66

Past National Commanders by Vote of National Convention

*Bennett Champ Clark
Missouri—Presided at Paris caucus
March 1919

*Milton J. Foreman
Illinois—Chairman, Executive
Committee at Paris

*Henry D. Lindsley
Texas—Presided at St. Louis caucus
May 1919

*Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.
New York

*Eric Fisher Wood
Pennsylvania—Temporary Chairman
and Secretary at Paris caucus

Honorary National Commanders

*General John J. Pershing
*Marshal Ferdinand Foch

* Deceased

** Killed in auto accident while serving as
Commander

*** Elected by Executive Committee to fill
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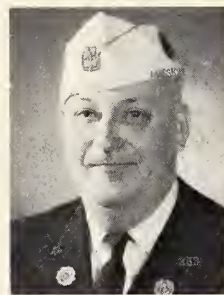
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Parade



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Parade



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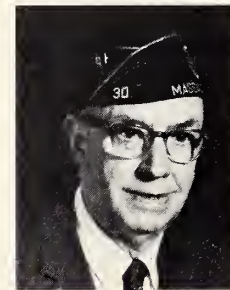
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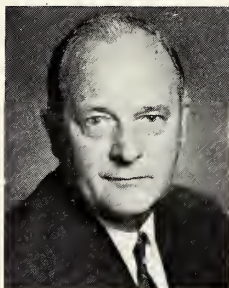
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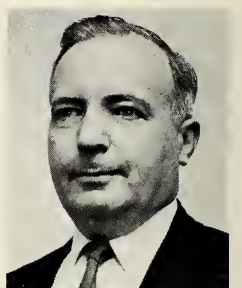
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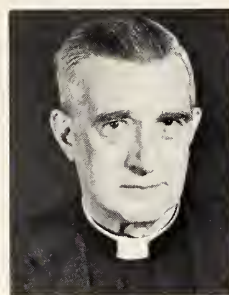
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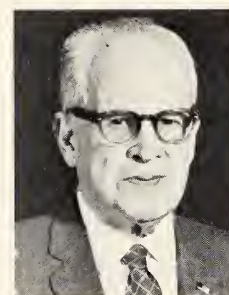
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
Boston, Massachusetts
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1967

8:00 A.M.



PRE-CONVENTION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Georgian Room



PRE-CONVENTION NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(All in the Statler Hilton Hotel except Music Committee Meeting and Contest)

9:00-11:00 A.M.

CIVIL DEFENSE AND EMERGENCY

PLANNING—Parlor A

Mrs. Merrill K. Smith, Chairman

COMMUNICATIONS—Room 437

Mrs. T. G. Chilton, Chairman

CREDENTIALS—Room 413

Mrs. Pearle Adams, Chairman

GIRLS STATE—Stanbro Hall

Mrs. H. Milton Davidson, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP—Bay State Room

Mrs. E. A. Roberts, Chairman

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY—Parlor C

Mrs. Alexander H. Gray, Chairman

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION—Georgian Room

Mrs. Louis J. Lemstra, Chairman

REHABILITATION—Ballroom

Mrs. Vernon H. Randall, Chairman



9:30-10:30 A.M.

MUSIC—Regency Room (Somerset Hotel—

400 Commonwealth Avenue)

Mrs. Harry E. Keyser, Chairman

10:30 A.M.-12 Noon (Or Until Completed)

Trio and Sextette Contest

Regency Room (Somerset Hotel—

400 Commonwealth Avenue)



11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

AMERICANISM—Bay State Room

Mrs. Charles C. Shaw, Chairman

CHILD WELFARE—Georgian Room

Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell, Chairman

COMMUNITY SERVICE—Room 436

Mrs. Robert Hughes, Chairman

FOREIGN RELATIONS—Stanbro Hall

Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, Chairman

HISTORIANS—Parlor C

Miss Adelaide L. Fitzgerald, National Historian

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES—Parlor A

Mrs. C. R. Engh, Chairman

PARLIAMENTARIANS—Room 437

Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert, National Parliamentarian

RULES—Room 402

Mrs. E. F. Humer, Chairman

SUNDAY (Cont.)
1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

CHAPLAINS—Parlor C

Mrs. William J. Dow, National Chaplain

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS—Room 413

Mrs. Hugh H. McVicker, Chairman

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS—Room 402

Mrs. William R. Peabody, Sr., Chairman

LEADERSHIP TRAINING—Room 437

Mrs. John P. Arnold, Leadership Training
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LEGISLATIVE—Parlor A

Mrs. Stanley A. Staidl, Chairman

NATIONAL SECURITY—Georgian Room

Mrs. R. L. Parker, Chairman

POPPY—Bay State Room

Mrs. Malley T. O'Connor, Chairman

PUBLICATIONS—Room 436

Mrs. Clarence F. Kouns, Chairman



Boston's Statler Hilton Hotel will serve as Headquarters Hotel for the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention which will be in session at the same time as the Legion Convention.

SUNDAY (Cont.)

1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.

**AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY
CHORUS AND QUARTETTE CONTEST**

Regency Room—Somerset Hotel
400 Commonwealth Avenue



1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

**REHEARSAL—National and Department Pages
Grand Ballroom**

3:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.

**NATIONAL PAGES TEA—Stanbro Hall
(For National and Department Pages only)**



3:00 P.M.-4:30 P.M.

FINANCE—Parlor C
Mrs. Willis C. Reed, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS—Parlor A
Mrs. J. Howard McKay, Chairman



4:30 P.M.

THE AMERICAN LEGION AND AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 1967
GRAND BALLROOM—STATLER HILTON HOTEL



OFFICIAL PROGRAM

"Salute to the Stars"



7:45 A.M.

OPENING PROCESSIONAL

Miss Genevieve E. Bucher, Convention Chairman,
Presiding

Mrs. Murray J. Crandall, Convention Organist

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Sr., National President

OPENING CEREMONIES

Invocation

Mrs. William J. Dow, National Chaplain

TAPS—Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mrs. Charles C. Shaw, National
Americanism Chairman

The National Anthem
(First and last verses)

In Unison—Led by Mrs. Harry E. Keyser, National
Music Chairman

Preamble to the Constitution

Led by Mrs. Hugh H. McVicker, National
Constitution and Bylaws Chairman

"A GALAXY OF STARS"

OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

National Commander John E. Davis,
The American Legion

National Adjutant Earnest N. Schmit,
The American Legion

Mr. Ernest Henderson Sr., President, The American Legion Convention Corporation

Mr. John F. Collins, Mayor of Boston

Mrs. Charles E. Muskes, Department President, Massachusetts



"A SALUTE TO HERITAGE AND STARS"

Governor John A. Volpe, Massachusetts



"SINGING STARS"

The Singing Legionnaires Mr. Donald Peterson, Director
Sioux Falls, South Dakota



"OUR TREASURED STARS"

(Introduction of Past National Presidents)

Mrs. John William Macauley	Mrs. Norton H. Pearl
Mrs. Robert Walbridge	Mrs. Lee W. Hutton
Mrs. Boyce Ficklen	Mrs. Hubert A. Goode
Mrs. William H. Biester, Jr.	Mrs. Norman L. Sheehe
Mrs. Albin Charles Carlson	Mrs. Willis C. Reed
Mrs. Melville Muckleston	Mrs. E. A. Campbell
Mrs. Oscar W. Hahn	Mrs. Harold S. Burdett
Mrs. Malcolm Douglas	Mrs. Carl W. Zeller
Mrs. James Morris	Mrs. J. Pat Kelly
Mrs. William H. Corwith	Mrs. Alexander H. Gray
Mrs. Louis J. Lemstra	Mrs. Henry Ahnemiller
Mrs. Mark W. Murrill	Mrs. J. Howard McKay
Mrs. Lawrence H. Smith	Mrs. O. L. Koger
Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert	Mrs. Luther D. Johnson
Mrs. Walter G. Craven	Mrs. Walter Wild Andrews

"SPEAKING FOR OUR TREASURED STARS"

Mrs. Walter H. Glynn, Junior Past National President



RECESS for The American Legion National Convention Parade—9:45 A.M.



7:45 A.M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1967

GRAND BALLROOM

ORGAN RECITAL (7:30 A.M.-7:45 A.M.)	Mrs. Murray J. Crandall, Convention Organist
CALL TO ORDER	Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Sr., National President
INVOCATION	Mrs. William J. Dow, National Chaplain
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Mrs. Charles C. Shaw, National Americanism Chairman
"AMERICA" (First and Last Verses)	Led by Mrs. Harry E. Keyser, National Music Chairman

"STARRING THE LEADERS"

National Vice Presidents

Mrs. Roy J. Manford, Central Division	Mrs. Leo G. Collins, Eastern Division
Mrs. Alvin Moltzen, Northwestern Division	Mrs. Harry M. Martin, Southern Division
Mrs. Antone Dupin, Western Division	
Miss Adelaide L. Fitzgerald, National Historian	Mrs. William J. Dow, National Chaplain
Miss Doris Anderson, National Secretary	Mrs. Cecilia Wenz, National Treasurer
Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert, National Parliamentarian	



"CHARTING THE STARS"

(Reports of Convention Committees)

Rules	Mrs. E. F. Humer
Credentials	Mrs. Pearle Adams
Permanent Organization	Mrs. Louis J. Lemstra

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TUESDAY (Cont.)

"STARS OF THE FUTURE"

(Reports)

CHILD WELFARE	Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell, National Child Welfare Chairman
LIAISON WITH CHILD WELFARE	Mrs. Carl W. Zeller, National Liaison with Child Welfare Chairman
JUNIOR ACTIVITIES	Mrs. C. R. Engh, National Junior Activities Chairman

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"STARS OF HERITAGE"

(Reports)

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY	Mrs. Alexander H. Gray, National Past Presidents Parley Chairman
ANNOUNCEMENT BY HISTORY RECORDER	Mrs. Paul F. Critz

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"STARS OF NOTE"

(Report)

MUSIC	Mrs. Harry E. Keyser, National Music Chairman
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"WE SALUTE"

Miss Genevieve E. Bucher	National Convention Chairman and all National Convention Committee Chairmen
Mrs. Kenneth Pryor	National Chairman of Pages
Mrs. Herbert W. Lawrence	National Vice Chairman of Pages
PERSONAL PAGES TO THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT	
Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Jr.	Miss Edith Burgess
Miss Wilda St. John Wright	Mrs. Eli Evasovic
Mrs. Frank A. Rea	Mrs. R. H. Greger

11:15 A.M.

RECESS TO JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION IN A JOINT SESSION

11:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

JOINT SESSION WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION

Boston War Memorial Auditorium

2:30 P.M.

ORGAN RECITAL (2:15 P.M.-2:30 P.M.)	Mrs. Murray J. Crandall, Convention Organist
CALL TO ORDER	Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Sr., National President

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"STARS OF STATUTES"

(Reports)

LEGISLATIVE	Mrs. Stanley A. Staidl, National Legislative Chairman
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS	Mrs. Hugh H. McVicker, National Constitution and Bylaws Chairman

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NOMINATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

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"TELL STARS"

(Reports)

COMMUNICATIONS	Mrs. T. G. Chilton, National Communications Chairman
PUBLICATIONS	Mrs. Clarence F. Kouns, National Publications Chairman

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TUESDAY (Cont.)

4:30 P.M.

RECESS

4:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M.

DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES

(All meeting rooms in the Statler Hilton Hotel)

Central Division—Georgian Room	Eastern Division—Bay State Room
Northwestern Division—Parlors A and B	Southern Division—Grand Ballroom
Western Division—Stanbro Hall	

7:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M.

Receptions Honoring Candidates for National Historian and National Chaplain
Bay State Room and Stanbro Hall

8:30 P.M.-10:30 P.M.

Reception Honoring Candidate for National President
Georgian Room

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1967

8:00 A.M.

ORGAN RECITAL (7:45-8:00 A.M.) Mrs. Murray J. Crandall, Convention Organist

CALL TO ORDER Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Sr., National President

OPENING CEREMONIES

INVOCATION Mrs. William J. Dow, National Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Mrs. Charles C. Shaw, National Americanism
Chairman

"AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL"
(First Verse) Led by Mrs. Harry E. Keyser, National Music
Chairman

"STARS OF SERVICE"

(Reports)

MRS. VERNON H. RANDALL National Rehabilitation Chairman

ADDRESS: Mr. Robert M. McCurdy, Chairman
Veterans Advisory Commission

MRS. MALLEY T. O'CONNOR National Poppy Chairman

"STARS OF PATRIOTISM"

(Reports)

MRS. CHARLES C. SHAW National Americanism Chairman

ADDRESS: "American Heritage"—The Rev. Reed M. Stewart
Indianapolis, Indiana

MRS. NORTON H. PEARL Women's Forum on National Security,
National Chairman

"STARS OF SECURITY"

(Reports)

MRS. R. L. PARKER National Security Chairman

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WEDNESDAY (Cont.)

PRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

Song by Winning Music Group—"Acknowledgment"

GREETINGS: Honorable Margaret M. Heckler, Member
Veterans Affairs Committee
Congress of the United States

MRS. MERRILL K. SMITH National Chairman, Civil Defense and
Emergency Planning

PRESENTATION OF THE GOLDEN MIKE AWARDS OF 1966-1967

RECESS

1:45 P.M.

ORGAN RECITAL (1:30-1:45 P.M.) Mrs. Murray J. Crandall, Convention Organist

CALL TO ORDER Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Sr., National President

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION
AND GREETINGS** Representatives of Other National Organizations

"STARS OF LEADERSHIP"

(Reports)

"SALUTE TO THE SHINING STARS" Department Presidents 1966-67

MRS. H. MILTON DAVIDSON National Girls State Chairman

ADDRESS: President, 1967 Girls Nation

MRS. JOHN P. ARNOLD National Leadership Training Director

MRS. WILLIAM R. PEABODY, SR. National Chairman, Education and Scholarships

MRS. ROBERT HUGHES National Community Service Chairman

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ELECTION OF 1967-1968 NATIONAL OFFICERS

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"REACHING THE UNREACHABLE STARS"

(A report to the Membership)

MRS. A. J. RYAN, SR. National President

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RECESS—4:15 P.M.

8:00 P.M.

STATES DINNER—GRAND BALLROOM

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1967

8:00 A.M.

ORGAN RECITAL—7:45 A.M.-8:00 A.M. Mrs. Murray J. Crandall, Convention Organist

CALL TO ORDER Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Sr., National President

INVOCATION Mrs. William J. Dow, National Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Mrs. Charles C. Shaw, National Americanism
Chairman

NATIONAL ANTHEM Led by Mrs. Harry E. Keyser, National Music
Chairman

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"STARS OF FRIENDSHIP"

(Report)

MRS. B. M. JARRETT National Foreign Relations Chairman
ADDRESS: "The United States and the Far East"
 The Honorable Winthrop G. Brown
 Special Assistant to the Secretary of State



"STARS OF UNITY"

MRS. WILLIS C. REED National Finance Chairman
MRS. E. A. ROBERTS National Membership Chairman

PRESENTATION OF THE GOAL DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

FINAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

MRS. HUGH H. McVICKER National Constitution and Bylaws Chairman
MRS. J. HOWARD McKAY Resolutions

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

INSTALLATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1967-1968

MRS. HAROLD S. BURDETT Installing Officer

Presentation of Colors to the Retiring National President,
Mrs. E. A. Campbell, Past National President

BENEDICTION

Retirement of Department Colors and National Personal Pages and Department Pages
President's Colors

ADJOURNMENT OF THE CONVENTION

Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Sr., National President

POST-CONVENTION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

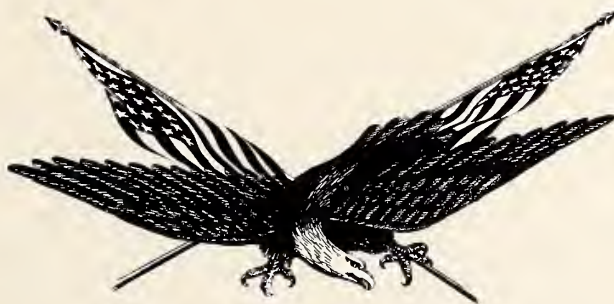
1:00 P.M.

Bay State Room

POST-CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

3:00 P.M.

Parlor A



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

1967 NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN



NATIONAL CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

Miss Genevieve E. Bucher

NATIONAL CONVENTION VICE-CHAIRMAN

Miss Adelaide L. Fitzgerald

NATIONAL CONVENTION HONORARY CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Mark W. Murrill

Mrs. Joseph Strafass, Secretary

Mrs. Edward C. Greeley, Assistant Secretary

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

HALLS AND SEATING

Miss Ursula M. Lynch, Chairman
Mrs. Harry Denning, Vice-Chairman

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Mrs. Charles W. Muskes, Chairman
Mrs. Charles Smith, Vice-Chairman

JUNIOR HANDWORK

Mrs. William P. McCarthy, Chairman
Mrs. Leon Caragulian, Vice-Chairman

HISTORIES EXHIBIT

Mrs. Frank H. Brock, Chairman
Mrs. Raymond Lawson, Vice-Chairman

BOOK OF PRAYERS EXHIBIT

Miss Mary Barletta, Chairman
Mrs. Bertha Rapucci, Vice-Chairman

POPPIES AND POPPY POSTERS EXHIBIT

Mrs. Harold B. Corey, Chairman
Mrs. Stanley A. Nedza, Vice-Chairman

FIRST AID

Mrs. John L. Manuel, Chairman
Mrs. Earl MacDonald, Vice-Chairman

FLAG REGISTRATION

Mrs. Dorothy R. Peck, Chairman
Mrs. Marion E. Davis, Vice-Chairman

DECORATIONS

Mrs. Louis J. Alfieri, Chairman
Mrs. Joseph Wallace, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Loyd H. McNeal, Vice-Chairman

MUSIC

Mrs. George A. Holt, Chairman
Mrs. Joseph A. Ward, Vice-Chairman

NATIONAL OFFICERS DINNER

Miss Adelaide L. Fitzgerald, Chairman
Mrs. Charles McStravick, Vice-Chairman

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S LUNCHEON

Mrs. Leo E. Robichaud, Chairman
Mrs. Kenneth McCracken, Vice-Chairman

PACKETS

Mrs. William H. O'Connell, Chairman
Mrs. Harvey Burge, Vice-Chairman

PAGES

Mrs. Herbert W. Lawrence, Chairman
Mrs. Fredrick Dimond, Jr., Vice-Chairman

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS DINNER

Mrs. Mark W. Murrill, Chairman
Miss Fannie G. Dickie, Vice-Chairman

PUBLICITY

Miss Rose M. Flaherty, Chairman
Mrs. Louis Mitchell, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Martin Joyce, Vice-Chairman

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

Mrs. Norman W. Stewart, Chairman
Mrs. Louis Stanganelli, Vice-Chairman

STATES DINNER

Miss Anna M. Manion, Chairman
Mrs. James Phelan, Vice-Chairman

CONVENTION COMMITTEES (Continued)

HOSPITALITY

Mrs. Edward Wellman, Chairman
Mrs. Edward J. Leikauskas, Vice-Chairman

LOST AND FOUND

Miss Josephine Romaniak, Chairman
Mrs. Mina Toupence, Vice-Chairman

TRANSPORTATION

Miss Julia V. Mullan, Chairman
Mrs. John W. Nagarya, Vice-Chairman

EIGHT AND FORTY MARCHE

Mrs. William J. McKinley, Chairman

SECRETARIES PARTY

Mrs. Elsie L. Morse, Chairman
Mrs. Anne Lupien, Vice-Chairman

PAGES TEA

Mrs. Timothy J. Buckley, Chairman
Mrs. Thomas O'Hearn, Vice-Chairman

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Miss Mary E. Julian, Chairman
Mrs. Rose K. Campagna, Vice-Chairman

FLOWERS

Mrs. John J. Daley, Chairman
Mrs. Irving Lowe, Vice-Chairman

SOUVENIRS

Mrs. George McDermott
Mrs. Ralph Loveland, Vice-Chairman

EXHIBITS ROOM

Mrs. Ralph S. Pease, Chairman
Mrs. U. R. Paakonen, Vice-Chairman

BADGES

Mrs. Ignatius Jezyk, Chairman
Mrs. Thomas Quinn, Vice-Chairman

DOLLS

Mrs. Albert Penney, Chairman
Mrs. Helen C. Farr, Vice-Chairman

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. George White, Chairman
Mrs. Claude O. Dean, Vice-Chairman

FIRST AID

An extensive program of first aid coverage has been set up by the Red Cross for the 1967 convention. Nearly 200 volunteers from more than two dozen Eastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod chapters will be mobilized in the program.

The local support follows a long tradition between the American National Red Cross and The American Legion to provide safety coverage in the host city of the annual convention.

Red Cross activities will find volunteers manning a twenty-four hour medical and first aid telephone coverage plan from the Greater Boston Chapter Headquarters at 17 Gloucester Street, Back Bay.

Beginning on Saturday, August 26, volunteers with mobile units will cover a variety of Legion events at locations throughout the city. Each Red Cross unit will consist of a team of trained First Aid instructors, accompanied by one or two nurses. Mobile Red Cross units will be radio equipped and in constant two-way communications with Chapter Headquarters.

Directing Red Cross activities will be Kenneth A. Cameron of Arlington, Chairman of First Aid Services for the Greater Boston Red Cross. Assisting Cameron will be individual Team Captains to include: Thomas Kinraide of Cambridge; Mrs. Annabel Lothrop of Westwood; Frank Tonry of Somerville; Kenneth Place of Arlington.

Also Rowe Austin of Lynn; A. Chilson Buchanan of Medfield; and Elwin Gay of Somerville.

Perhaps the largest response of first aid volunteers and equipment since the Coconut Grove fire in Boston in 1942, will occur on Monday, August 28th, when teams assemble to man strategically located stations along the Legion Parade route.

For the parade day, the Red Cross will operate 11 emergency first aid stations along the parade route; each functioning with trained first aid and nursing personnel.

Temporary stations will consist of light portable buildings, mobile first aid units and disaster vehicles. Headquarters for the parade activity will be the 32 emergency services trailer operated by the Greater Boston Red Cross.

From the trailer, which will be located on the Boston Common Playground, adjacent to similar Boston Police and National Guard units, all communications to and from emergency field stations will be coordinated. Communications Chairman Al Harrington will be in charge.

The Boston Police Department will support each Red Cross Field Station with ambulances for quick transportation to nearby hospitals of any seriously injured or ill persons.

Aiding the medical plans for Parade Day will be Reserve Military Medical units under the direction of Captain James A. McLaughlin, United States Navy.

Two complete military field hospitals will be set up; one in the middle of Boston Common, as a reception point for surrounding Red Cross stations, and another in the Don Bosco School in the South End (near the Hotel Bradford) where the parade ends.

Additional Red Cross first aid coverage will be supplied by volunteer nurses and first aiders at the three-day business session to be held in the War Memorial Auditorium, August 29 through 31.

Hand picked Red Cross units will be assigned to Fenway Park for the evening of Sunday, August 27, when the finals of the Junior and Senior Drum and Bugle Corps competition will be held.

Headquarters for the first aid operations will be at the Greater Boston Red Cross Chapter, 17 Gloucester Street, Boston.

SALON NATIONAL LABOUTIQUE DES HUIT CHAPEAUX ET QUARANTE FEMMES

46TH ANNUAL LA MARCHE NATIONALE

Statler Hilton Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts
September 1st and 2nd, 1967

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

National Officers



MRS. JAMES C. GLEASON
Le Chapeau National



MRS. THOMAS N. LEERVIG
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale

REGISTRATION

STATLER HILTON HOTEL—MEZZANINE

Monday, August 28, 1967.....2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Thursday, August 31, 1967.....3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Friday, September 1, 1967.....9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Thursday August 31, 1967

PRE-MARCHE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CHILD WELFARE and NATIONAL JEWISH HOSPITAL LIAISON

MRS. VALENTINE DELLES and
MRS. MAYRO COX, Chairmen
Parlor A—3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS

MRS. JAMES MICHELET, Chairman
Hancock Room—3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CREDENTIALS

MRS. OWEN W. GLEASON, Chairman
Parlor E—4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

FINANCE

MRS. CHARLES E. TITLOW, SR.

PARTNERSHIP

MRS. MELVIN K. GOODE, Chairman
Parlor B—3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

MRS. JOSEPH STOUT, Chairman
Hancock Room—4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

MRS. EDWARD MARSHALL, Chairman
Parlor C—4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

RITUALS and EMBLEMS

MRS. RALPH SAPP, Chairman
Parlor D—3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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RULES and ORDER

MRS. JAMES BOBLITZ, Chairman
Parlor E—3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIP

MRS. HOWARD HOUSER, Chairman
Parlor B—4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

TROPHY PLAQUES and AWARDS

MRS. JAMES DEFORCE, Chairman
Parlor D—4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

HISTORY and TROPHY PLAQUE DISPLAY

Parlor D*—Thursday p.m. and Friday

REHEARSAL—LACONCIERGE—

LES MARECHALS—PAGES

Georgian Room—3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

PRE-MARCHE POUVOIR

Statler Hilton Hotel—Parlor A, Thursday, August 31, 1967—7:30 P.M.

DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES

Friday, September 1, 1967—10:30 a.m.

Eastern Division.....	Room 406
Southern Division.....	Room 409
Central Division.....	Room 402
Northwestern Division.....	Room 405
Western Division.....	Room 407

DIVISIONAL BREAKFASTS

Friday, September 1, 1967—8:30 a.m.

(Same Room as Divisional Caucuses)

LA MARCHE NATIONALE

Statler Hilton Hotel—Georgian Room

Opening Session—Friday, September 1, 1967—1:30 p.m.

PROCESSIONAL OF NATIONAL OFFICERS, CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX PASSES AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS—

MRS. WILLIAM J. MCKINLEY, La Marche Nationale
Chairman, *presiding*.

CALL TO ORDER

Le Chapeau National, MRS. JAMES C. GLEASON

INVOCATION

MRS. FRANK J. COLWELL, L'Aumonier National

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Led by MRS. J. E. ALLEN, LaConcierge Nationale

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

MISS MARY E. JULIAN

FLANDERS FIELD

MRS. T. CLYDE FINLEY, Le Demi Chapeau National

AMERICA'S ANSWER

MISS JULIA V. MULLAN, Le Demi Chapeau National

ROLL CALL

MRS. THOMAS N. LEERVIG, LaSecretaire-Caissiere
Nationale

READING OF THE CALL TO LA MARCHE NATIONALE 1967

READING OF THE MINUTES OF LA MARCHE NATIONALE 1966

GREETINGS

MRS. ETHEL C. HIGGINS, Le Chapeau Departemental
Massachusetts

HONORABLE JOHN A. VOLPE, Governor of Massachusetts

HONORABLE JOHN F. COLLINS, Mayor of Boston

MR. ERNEST HENDERSON, SR., National Convention
Chairman American Legion

MR. EDWARD NORCOTT, Department Commander
Massachusetts

MISS GENEVIEVE E. BUCHER, American Legion
Auxiliary Convention Chairman

MRS. CHARLES E. MUSKES, Department Auxiliary
President Massachusetts

MR. RANDEL SHAKE, National Director, American
Legion Child Welfare Division

MR. MORRIS NOONER, JR., American Legion National
Child Welfare Chairman

PRESENTATION OF LES DEMI CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX and INTRODUCTION OF LES CHAPEAUX DEPARTEMENTAUX

MISS JULIA V. MULLAN, Eastern Division

MRS. T. J. HOBBS, Southern Division

MRS. T. CLYDE FINLEY, Central Division

MRS. W. A. PIERCE, Northwestern Division

MRS. FRANK S. EVANS, Western Division

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*PRESENTATION OF CHAPEAUX
NATIONAUX PASSES*

MRS. HARRY KEHM
MRS. WALTER L. DAVOL
MRS. GEORGE MURPHY
MRS. JOHN A. GORDON
MRS. HUGH MCCLUNG
MRS. ROBERT N. HAWS
MRS. RAYMOND CHENAULT
MRS. DEE P. DAVIS
MRS. VALENTINE DELLES
MRS. EDSSEL SWANNER
MRS. CRAWFORD J. MORTENSEN
MRS. D. A. CRAIG
MRS. LEO C. COLTON
MRS. HERMAN EDWARDS
MRS. OTIS R. AARON
MRS. RAY A. STRATTON
MRS. ROBERT SNOW
MRS. M. STEPHEN HUNNICUTT
MRS. CHARLES E. TITLOW, SR.
MRS. MAYRO COX
MRS. A. P. SUNDRY
MRS. JAMES MICHELET
MRS. C. P. ANDREW
MRS. GEORGE G. SPEIR
MRS. WILLIAM J. SCHLAU
MRS. A. L. LAVAQUE
MRS. WILLIAM J. MCKINLEY
MRS. PREMO O. KELLY

RESPONSE

MRS. PREMO O. KELLY

REPORT OF SPECIAL MARCHE COMMITTEES

RULES AND ORDER—MRS. JAMES BOBLITS

CREDENTIALS—MRS. OWEN W. GLEASON

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION—MRS. JOSEPH
STOUT

*NOMINATION OF NATIONAL
OFFICERS FOR 1968*

MRS. JEAN BALON

PRESENTATION OF LES MARECHALS

MRS. ELMER MARTIN

PRESENTATION OF CHAIRMAN OF PAGES

MRS. HARLOW MCCOSH

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PAGES

MRS. HERBERT HIRSCH

MRS. ROLAND WEST

MRS. JOHN HOCKENHULL

MRS. MARGARET KESSLER

MRS. ARTHUR O'NEILL

MRS. RAY MAXWELL

MRS. L. E. PECK

MRS. HAROLD PROCTOR

*PRESENTATION OF LE CHAPEAU
PERSONAL PAGES*

MRS. MARY SANTILLI

MRS. ANN SHUSTER

*PRESENTATION OF LA SECRETAIRE-
CAISSIERE PERSONAL PAGE*

MRS. CLARENCE W. KATES

REPORT OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Le Chapeau National—MRS. JAMES C. GLEASON

La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale—MRS. THOMAS N.
LEERVIG

L'Avocate Nationale—MRS. ROBERT C. SNOW

L'Archiviste Nationale—MRS. JAMES W. COLLINS

L'Aumonier National—MRS. FRANK J. COLWELL

La Concierge Nationale—MRS. J. E. ALLEN

Hat Box Editor—MRS. JANE ADAMS KYFFIN

—RECESS—

LA MARCHE SESSION—Friday, September 1, 1967—7:30 P.M.

INVOCATION

MRS. FRANK J. COLWELL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Led by MRS. J. E. ALLEN

*PRESENTATION OF LOCAL MARCHE
COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN*

MRS. WILLIAM J. MCKINLEY, Chairman

GREETINGS

MR. JOHN E. DAVIS, National Commander of The
American Legion

MRS. A. J. RYAN, SR., National Auxiliary President

MRS. VERNON H. RANDALL, National Rehabilitation
Chairman, American Legion Auxiliary

MR. ARTHUR B. HANELL, National Child Welfare
Chairman, American Legion Auxiliary

MISS DORIS ANDERSON, National Secretary, American
Legion Auxiliary

MRS. RALPH S. PEASE, National Executive Auxiliary
Committeewoman, Massachusetts

REV. FR. ANTHONY J. O'DRISCOLL, National Chaplain
The American Legion

ADDRESS—Cystic Fibrosis

DR. JOHN HERNDON, Vice President of Medical Affairs
National Cystic Fibrosis Association

*REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND
INTRODUCTION OF AREA CHAIRMEN*

CHILD WELFARE—MRS. VALENTINE DELLES

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS—MRS. JAMES
MICHELET

FINANCE—MRS. CHARLES E. TITLOW, SR.

NATIONAL JEWISH HOSPITAL LIAISON—MRS.
MAYRO COX

PARTNERSHIP—MRS. MELVIN K. GOODE

RITUALS AND EMBLEMS—MRS. RALPH SAPP

TROPHY PLAQUES AND AWARDS—MRS. JAMES A.
DE FORCE

SCHOLARSHIP—MRS. HOWARD HOUSER

MEMORIAL SERVICE—MRS. FRANK J. COLWELL

—RECESS—

LA MARCHE SESSION RECONVENES Saturday September 2, 1967—9:00 A.M.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN

MRS. EDWARD MARSHALL

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN

MRS. OWEN W. GLEASON

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

ADDRESS

MR. RICHARD N. BLUESTEIN, Executive Vice President
National Jewish Hospital, Denver, Colorado

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Report of Judge of Elections

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Election of Demi Chapeaux Nationaux

Presentation of New Officers

SONG—Blest Be The Tie That Binds

—RECESS—

Saturday, September 2, 1967—3:00 P.M.

POST MARCHE POUVOIR, Parlor B, Statler Hilton Hotel

Saturday, September 2, 1967—7:30 P.M.

LA MARCHE NATIONALE BANQUET

Georgian Room, Statler Hilton Room

Installation Of Officers

Presentation Of Le Chapeau National Pin

Entertainment

Adjournment



For nearly as long as The American Legion has been in existence it has shared with other major organizations a deep concern for the proper education of American youth. American Education Week is a major by-product of that concern, and the 47th annual observance of American Education Week will be conducted Nov. 5-11 this year. The Legion co-sponsors the project with the National Education Association, National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the U. S. Office of Education. More than 30,000,000 citizens are expected to visit their schools during this special week and local Legion Posts will lend their full effort to the project.

SPECIAL MARCHE COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS

Mrs. Owen Gleason, Michigan, *Chairman*
Mrs. Nathan Ford, Maine
Mrs. Osmar Leavy, New York

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Mrs. Leo C. Colton, New Jersey, *Chairman*
Mrs. Mayro Cox, Colorado
Mrs. Valentine Delles, Florida
Mrs. Robert Haws, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Premo Kelly, Washington
Mrs. Hugh McClung, Virginia
Mrs. James Michelet, New Mexico
Mrs. Albert La Vaque, California
Mrs. Crawford Mortensen, Nebraska
Mrs. George Murphy, New York
Mrs. William Schlau, New York
Mrs. George Speir, Illinois
Mrs. Edsel Swanner, Utah
Mrs. Charles Titlow, Sr., West Virginia
Mrs. A. L. LaVaque, California

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Joseph Stout, Michigan, *Chairman*
Mrs. Guidotta Bates, Colorado
Mrs. C. O. Atwell, Virginia

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Edward Marshall, Ohio, *Chairman*
Mrs. Stanley Fuhrer, Pennsylvania
Mrs. A. L. LaVaque, California
Mrs. James Boblitz, Nebraska, *Chairman*

RULES AND ORDER

Mrs. Alice Borland, Washington
Mrs. John Links, Jr., Louisiana
Mrs. Eldridge Compton, Dist. of Columbia

JUDGE OF ELECTIONS

Tellers

Mrs. Mildred Seelinger, New Mexico
Mrs. Frank Martin, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Edna Beasley, Kentucky
Mrs. Jennie Sanzo, Indiana

LES MARECHALS

Mrs. Elmer Martin, Illinois
Mrs. Jean Balon, Indiana

PAGES

Mrs. Harlow McCosh, Kansas, *Chairman*
Mrs. John Hockenhull, Rhode Island
Mrs. Margaret Kessler, Wisconsin
Mrs. Arthur O'Neill, Louisiana
Mrs. Ray Maxwell, Oklahoma
Mrs. L. E. Peck, Nevada
Mrs. Harold Proctor, New Hampshire
Mrs. Herbert Hirsch, Connecticut
Mrs. Roland West, Oregon

LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL

Personal Pages

LA SECRETAIRE-CAISSIERE NATIONALE

Personal Page

Mrs. Mary Santilli, New Jersey
Mrs. Ann Shuster, New Jersey

Mrs. Clarence W. Kates, Illinois

Art Collection

Conventioning Legionnaires are certain to enjoy a visit to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, one of the greatest institutions of its type in the world. Its collections open windows on 5,000 years of the finest artistic expression of man's hopes, tastes and ideas. Located on Huntington Ave. and The Fenway, the museum is easily accessible by public transportation, automobile and is not too far away if you enjoy a leisurely walk.

A Visit With The Stars

One of New England's most exciting places, the Museum of Science and Hayden Planetarium, at Science Park, overlooking the Charles River Basin, is accessible by public transportation and has a parking area for motorists. Available for the enjoyment of patrons are exhibits on man and civilization, natural history, medicines, physical science, space exploration and marine transportation and the star show—"Sky Fantasia"—in the Hayden Planetarium.



Defending National Championship Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, The Cavaliers, of First National Bank of Chicago Post No. 985.

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

Another innovation has been made in the format of The Parade of Champions for the 1967 National Convention as a total of 12 units will take to the field in the finals to be conducted at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 27, in Boston's Fenway Park, 4 Jersey Street, the home of the Boston Red Sox baseball team.

The five top rated Senior Drum and Bugle Corps, will participate as in the past several Parades of Champions, but the seven top-ranked Junior Corps will participate in the finals this year as opposed to the top five in previous years, because of the tremendous number of Junior Corps entries.

This annual Convention highlight of American Legion pageantry will feature the finest Junior and Senior Drum and Bugle Corps in the nation, as determined by preliminary competition to be conducted during the days immediately prior to the Parade of Champions in the National Convention City. The finalists in each division will be competing for the national championship in their respective class.

For the 21st consecutive year, the Seagrams Posts of The American Legion located in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles will sponsor the drawing for four new Ford automobiles, the drawing to be conducted in conjunction with the Parade of Champions.

Admission for the Parade of Champions will be \$3.00 for box seats; \$2.00 for grandstand seats and \$1.50 for bleacher seats. A coupon in the Convention program will be honored for a 50-cent discount against the purchase of the above listed seating. Fenway Park accommodates 33,357 people.

A complete schedule of times and sites for all events of Uniformed Groups competition is listed elsewhere in this program. Admission to all events conducted by the National Uniformed Groups Contest Committee is free with the exception of the Parade of Champions. Delegates, Convention guests and the general public are welcome.



The Hawthorne Caballeros, many times American Legion national champion senior Drum and Bugle Corps, will be defending the championship they regained last year after having been dethroned the previous year in Portland, Ore. The Caballeros represent Post No. 199 of Hawthorne, N.J.



Defending Junior Color Guard national champions are the Casper Troopers of Post No. 2, Casper, Wyo.



Defending National Champion Senior Color Guard, representing First National Bank of Chicago Post No. 985.

1967 La Marche Nationale Local Committees

LA MARCHE CHAIRMAN	Mrs. Laura M. McKinley
LA MARCHE CO-CHAIRMEN	Mrs. Olive Cadorette Miss Julia V. Mullan
LA SECRETAIRE	Mrs. Jean U. Taylor
LA CAISSIERE	Mrs. Laura M. McKinley
LE HOSTESS CHAPEAU	Mrs. Ethel Higgins
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BADGES	Mrs. Patricia Fameli Mrs. Elizabeth Alfieri
BALLOTS	Mrs. Florence Pulsifer
BANQUET	Mrs. Olive Cadorette, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Frances Smith
BANQUET RESERVATIONS	Mrs. Margaret Fleming, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Florence Melanson, <i>Co-Chairman</i> Mrs. Agnes Woodhouse Mrs. Alice Russon Mrs. Alice M. DeRosier
DECORATIONS AND FAVORS	Mrs. Beatrice St. Marie, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Mary Lawson, <i>Co-Chairman</i>
DIVISIONAL BREAKFASTS	Miss Julia V. Mullan, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Anna McIntire, <i>Co-Chairman</i>
ENTERTAINMENT	Miss Mary E. Julian
FIRST AID	Mrs. Ruth Manuel, <i>Chairman</i> Miss Mary A. Barletta Miss Josephine Meuse
HALLS AND SEATING	Mrs. Ann M. Leikauskas, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Yvonne Stewart, <i>Co-Chairman</i>
HOSPITALITY	Mrs. Lucille Pease, <i>Chairman</i> Miss Therese M. Roy, <i>Co-Chairman</i> Mrs. Ethel Higgins
LES MUSICIENNES	Mrs. Ruth Holt, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Jennie Wheeler, <i>Co-Chairman</i>
INFORMATION, LOST AND FOUND	Mrs. Helen Farr, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Rose Desautelle, <i>Co-Chairman</i> Mrs. Maude Dixon Mrs. Susan M. Beaumont Mrs. Margaret Quinn

NO HOST LUNCHEON	Mrs. Gertrude Paakonen, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Elizabeth Webb, <i>Co-Chairman</i>
PAGES	Mrs. Esther Strafuss, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Gladys Day, <i>Chapeau National</i> Mrs. Margaret Palumbo, <i>National Chr.</i> Mrs. Rose Lannon
PROTOCOL	Mrs. Mildred Johnson, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Anne Denning, <i>Co-Chairman</i>
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Mrs. Florence Publicover, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Eunice Lowe, <i>Co-Chairman</i>
RECEPTIONS	Mrs. Margaret Guertin, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Dorothy Peck, <i>Co-Chairman</i>
REGISTRATION	Mrs. Marion E. Davis, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Frances C. Ayles, <i>Co-Chairman</i> Mrs. Cleona Smith Mrs. Beatrice Richardson Mrs. Margaret MacKay Mrs. Clara Meuse Mrs. Mary L. Rhodey Mrs. Helen Hiotelis Mrs. Elizabeth Crudup Mrs. Lillian Heath Mrs. Barbara Reynolds Mrs. Mary York Mrs. Ruth Messier Mrs. Louise Holcroft Mrs. Adda Balch Mrs. Lena Caswell Mrs. Sally Miraglia Miss Rita Murch Mrs. Jane Robello Mrs. Jean U. Taylor
TOTE BAGS	Mrs. Carolyn Pratt, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Aurea Vincent Mrs. Margaret Bachmann Mrs. Marion Blogett Mrs. Marguerite Reynolds Mrs. Edith Hagberg
TROPHIES AND AWARDS	Mrs. Ross Campagna, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Yvonne Burge, <i>Co-Chairman</i> Mrs. Ethel Landers Mrs. Hazel Cordier Mrs. Gladys Robey
TABLE HOSTESSES	Mrs. Mildred Johnson, <i>Chairman</i> Mrs. Anna Stanganelli Mrs. Julia O'Hearn Mrs. Harriette Baker Mrs. Margaret Lawson Mrs. Margaret Lawson and thirty Partners from the above group.

Court of



Edward C. Salk
(341)
Minnesota



Dr. M. J. Chakeres
(283)
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Jim Sikyta
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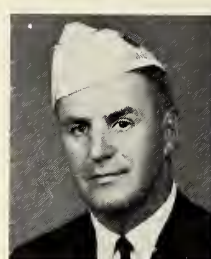
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John R. Ragsdale
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Henry S. Bialoglowy
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Connecticut



Ira V. Ennis
(225)
Delaware



Howard C. Dulin
(225)
France



Frank I. Hamilton
(225)
Indiana

Pictured on these two pages are the Commanders of the Departments that have made major contributions to one of the most successful years in American Legion history. Under a point system established by the National Membership Committee for "67—the BIG Year," these departments were credited with 100 or more points. Points were given for meeting membership targets at specified dates throughout the year, for exceeding 1966's final membership, for meeting the nationally-assigned membership goal, for attaining an all-time high, and for the very important task of chartering new American Legion Posts. National Commander John E. Davis has designated the Commanders of all qualifying Departments as members of his "Court of Honor" for the 49th National Convention.



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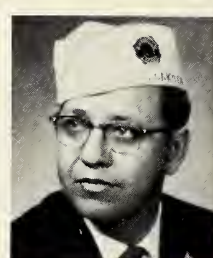
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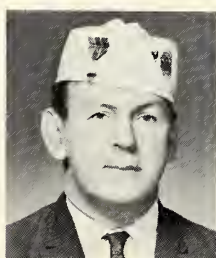
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Jack W. Flynt
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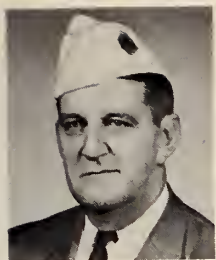


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Puerto Rico



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Arizona

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John H. Fugeman
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Kentucky



Raymand E. Sutton
(150)
Nevada



Arthur A. Viallon
(141)
Louisiana



Jay E. Harville
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Tennessee



Wilbur L. Gray, Jr.
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Virginia



T. W. Miller
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Arkansas



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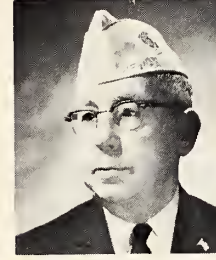
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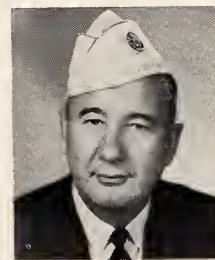
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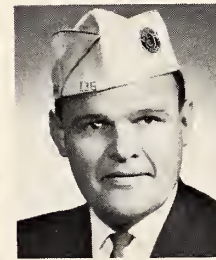
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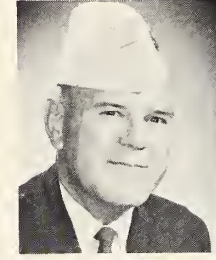
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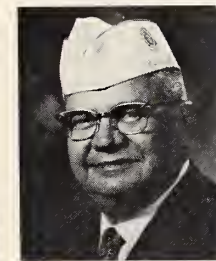
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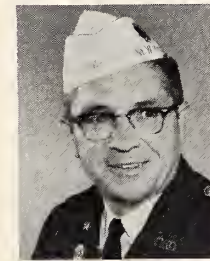
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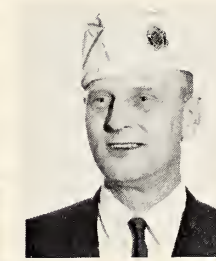
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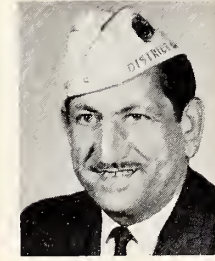
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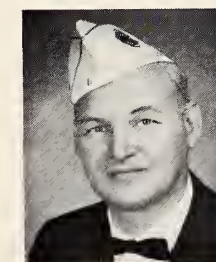
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Dr. E. L. Peterson
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Utah

Parade Information



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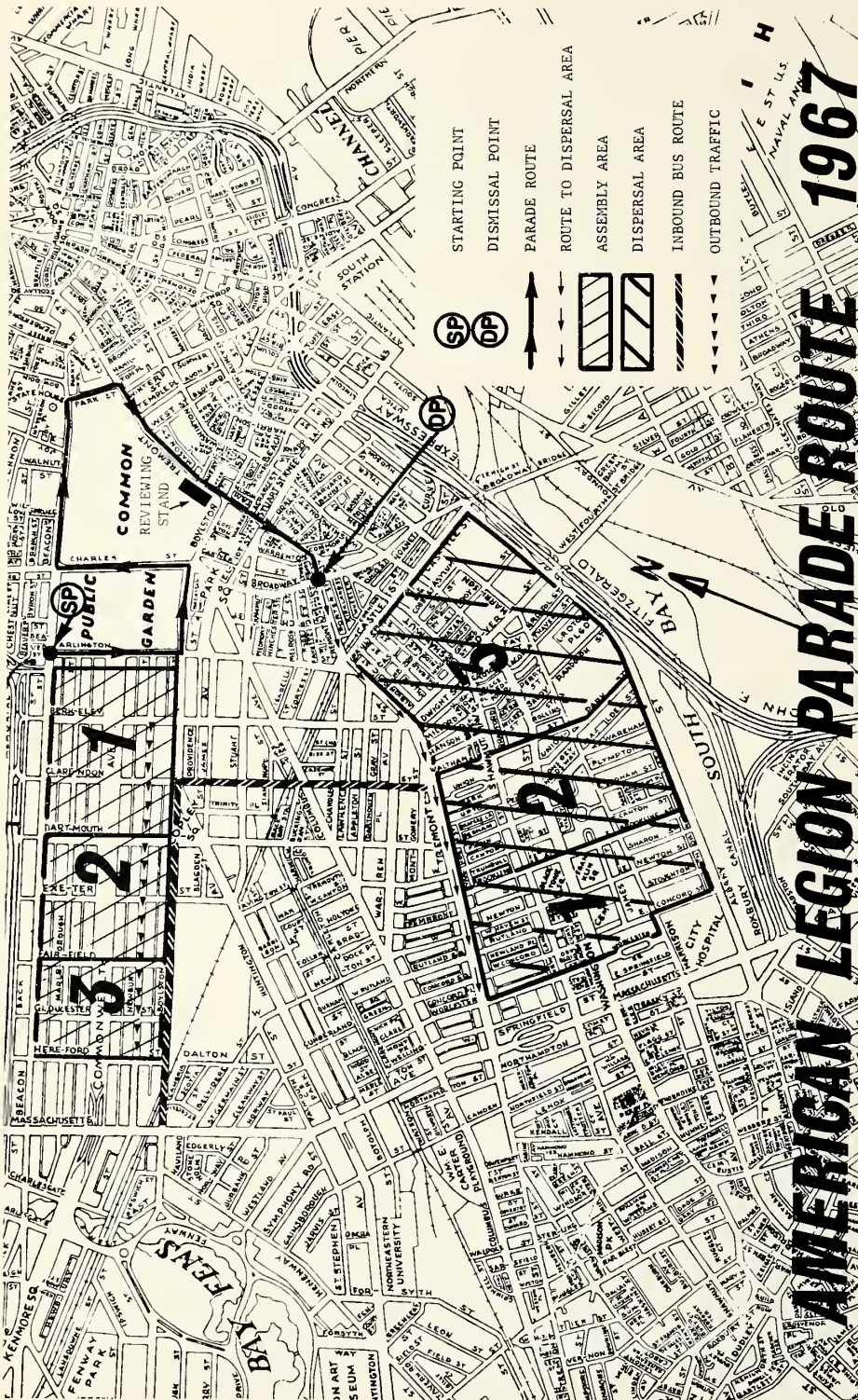
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FORMATION AREA: In the area bounded by Arlington, Newbury, Hereford, and Beacon Streets.

ROUTE: From corner of Beacon and Arlington Streets, moving on Arlington Street to Boylston Street to Charles Street to Beacon Street to Park Street to Tremont Street to Broadway.

REVIEWING STAND: On Tremont Street at Bolyston Street (on the Common).

DISBANDING AREA: Off Tremont Street beyond Broadway.



PARADE ORDERS

PARADE CHAIRMAN

Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Ambrose
Adjutant General, Commonwealth of Mass.
A. L. Post No. 180, Danvers, Mass.)

PARADE VICE CHAIRMEN

Brig. Gen. Daniel J. Murphy, Jr. (Ret.)
(A. L. Post No. 107, Natick, Mass.)

Col. Howard V. Elliott
Asst. Adj. Gen. Commonwealth of Mass.
(A. L. Post No. 39, Arlington, Mass.)

HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL

L. Eldon James
Past National Commander
Virginia

GRAND MARSHAL

Maj. Gen. John B. Bestic
Commander, Electronic Systems Division
L. G. Hanscom Field, Mass.

DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS

Maj. Gen. Kelly Lemmon
Commanding General, 13th US Army Corps

Rear Admiral Roy S. Benson
Commandant, 1st Naval District
Boston, Mass.

Maj. Gen. Raymond L. Murray
Asst. Chief of Staff G-3
Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps

Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Ambrose
The Adjutant General, Massachusetts

Col. Henry Dittman
Base Commander
L. G. Hanscom Field, Mass.

Rear Admiral William W. Childress
Commandant, 1st Coast Guard District
Boston, Mass.

HONORARY MARSHALS

The Hon. John A. Volpe
Governor of Massachusetts

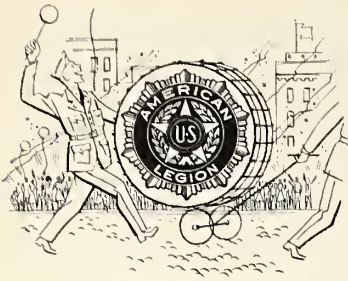
Richard E. McLaughlin
Registrar
Registry of Motor Vehicles

Leo F. Laughlin
Commissioner
Dept. of Public Safety

The Hon. John Collins
Mayor of the City of Boston

Edmund L. McNamara
Commissioner
Boston Police Dept.

Howard Whitmore, Jr.
Commissioner
Metropolitan District Commission



PARADE ORDERS

The official parade of the Forty-Ninth National Convention of The American Legion will be governed by the instructions contained herein, together with the Organization and March Time Table and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map, which are made a part hereof.

1. **TIME:** (All times in these orders are Eastern Daylight Time.)

- (a) The leading element of the parade will move from the "Initial Point" (Arlington and Beacon Sts.) promptly at 10:00 A.M., Monday, August 28, 1967, regardless of weather conditions.
- (b) The time and place of assembly for each Department or element of the parade will be shown in detail on the Organization and March Time Table, a copy of which has been sent to each Department Adjutant and to the Department Parade Chairman. **A meeting of all Department Chairmen will be held at 10:00 A.M., Sunday, August 27, 1967, in the Roof Ballroom of the Parker House Hotel.**
- (c) A liaison man (PAL) has been assigned to each Department by the Parade Committee. This liaison man will contact each Department well in advance of the parade and offer every assistance.
- (d) A Parade Official will meet his assigned division at the assembly area, following unloading. He will, with the assistance of the liaison man who has been assigned to the Department, direct the busses toward the route to the disbanding area.
- (e) Because of the nature of the assembly area, accurate logistics are essential. **PROMPTNESS IN ARRIVAL AT ASSEMBLY AREA IS MANDATORY.**

2. **ROUTE:** From the "Initial Point" at Arlington and Beacon Sts. South on Arlington St. to East on Boylston St. to Charles St. then North on Charles St. to Beacon St. then East on Beacon St. to South on Park St. to West on Tremont St. to disbanding on Tremont St. West of Broadway.

3. **ASSEMBLY AREAS:**

NOTE: Unit transportation will discharge participants on Boylston St. in designated area adjacent to assembly area. Vehicles should then proceed directly to their designated disbanding zone via bus route indicated on the Parade Map.

- (a) Assembly zones within the Assembly area as designated on the Organization and March Time Table and Assembly Area Map.

- (b) Additional instructions for each Department will be furnished by the Parade Committee at the meeting of Department Parade Chairmen on Sunday, August 27, 1967, at 10:00 A.M. in the Roof Ballroom of the Parker House Hotel.
- (c) Signs carrying Division Number will designate the head of each Division Assembly Point.
- (d) Floats will be assembled on Commonwealth Ave. between Arlington and Berkley Sts. and will be fed into their proper delegation as the delegation passes. Assembly Time for floats will correspond to Assembly Time for their Parent Department.

4. **ORGANIZATION:**

- (a) All elements have been assigned to Divisions, each under the direction of a Parade Official. The composition of these Divisions, order of March, time and place of assembly is shown on the Organization and March Time Table and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map supplied to Department Parade Chairmen.
- (b) All Department of Defense units will be governed by applicable regulations.
- (c) Each Department Commander or appointed parade representative will be responsible for the order of march and promptness of arrival at the assembly area of all units in his Department—all units conform to the following distribution and formation.

(1) **MASSED COLORS:** Eight (8) abreast.

All American flags, the Department and Post colors of each Department, and the Department and Unit colors of each Department of the Auxiliary, will be massed at the head of each Department Delegation in that order.

(2) American Legion units within Departments will march in formation eight abreast, one yard between ranks.

(3) **BANDS AND DRUM CORPS:** As directed by Drum Majors, but not to exceed eight (8) abreast.

(4) **AUTHORIZED FLOATS AND AUTOMOBILES:** In single column. No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be permitted to participate.

(5) No maneuvers except for a forward movement. **THIS IS A MUST.** ALL violators will be summarily dismissed from the parade.

(d) **DISTANCES:**

- (1) Between Divisions20 yards
- (2) Between Departments10 yards
- (3) Between elements of a Department..... 5 yards

5. **DISBANDING AREAS:**

Disbanding Zones and designated transportation parking are as follows: As designated on Parade Map. Units assembling in Area #1 will have transportation spotted in Dispersal Area #1. ESCORT DIVISION vehicles will be parked on TREMONT ST., North side, head at SPRINGFIELD ST.

*NOTE: Transportation Parking in Disbanding Areas

TEMPORARY ONLY. Vehicles must depart zone as soon as their respective Parade Units arrive after completing Route of March. No transportation will be allowed to remain in Disbanding Zone longer than 10 minutes after its Parade Unit arrives.

6. **OFFICIAL REVIEWING STAND:**

The official reviewing stand will be located on the North side of Tremont St. at Boylston St. Elements will render a salute to the National Commander while passing the reviewing stand (eyes right). Warning signs at 400 and 200 feet will inform all units of the distance to the reviewing stand.

7. **ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE AND CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS:**

- (a) Pursuant to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the National Convention Commission at Miami Beach on March 12, 1960, there will be no participation of any vehicles, equipment or items of wearing apparel of the 40 et 8. This regulation will be enforced by the Parade Committee of the 1967 Convention Corporation.
- (b) With the exception of the police, military and naval escort, and distinguished guests, eligibility to participate in the parade is limited to the members of The American Legion and the uniformed bodies of the American Legion Auxiliary, subject to restriction of the following activities which shall be prohibited in the line of march:
 - (1) The drinking of or simulated drinking of intoxicants.
 - (2) Participants under the influence of intoxicants.
 - (3) Use of water pistols and electric shocking devices.
 - (4) Female impersonators.
 - (5) Firecrackers and other explosives.
 - (6) Any presentation or representation either immoral or in bad taste.
 - (7) Distribution of souvenirs, promotional or advertising material from either the floats or marching units.
 - (8) Participation by Candidates for Public Office.

- (c) Violators of any of the above rules will be summarily dismissed from the parade.

8. **FIRST AID STATIONS:**

First Aid Stations will be established at the Assembly Area, at intervals along the line of march, and the disbanding areas.

9. **PARKING OF CHARTERED OR POST BUSES:**

After unloading in the Assembly Area, busses will proceed to temporary parking areas at the disbanding location as indicated in Paragraph 5. The liaison official (PAL) will meet his assigned Department at the disbanding area to conduct it to its parking bus or busses (personal belongings and all equipment must be removed from the busses when unloading at the Assembly Area.)

ESCORT DIVISION

Assemble at 9:00 A.M.

(On Beacon St.—Head at Arlington St.)

Departure 10:00 A.M.

A. **MOUNTED ESCORT—BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

B. **HONORARY MARSHALS***

C. **GRAND MARSHAL***

D. **HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL***

E. **DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS***

* Bus transportation for dignitaries will be provided and will depart from the Kon Tiki entrance of the Sheraton-Boston Hotel. **This bus will depart at precisely 9:15 A.M., and will be taken by police escort to proper parade assembly area.**

F. **DETACHMENT MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE—Assemble 9:00 A.M. on Beacon St. Head at Berkley St.**

G. **COMMAND ELEMENT:**

Commander of Troops: Brigadier General Raymond A. Wilkinson, Assistant Division Commander, 26th Infantry Division, Massachusetts Army National Guard, and Staff (one Staff Officer for each Service).

H. **UNITED STATES ARMY:**

- 1. 18th Army Band, Fort Devens, Mass.
- 2. Color Guard.
- 3. Marching Unit 46th Direct Support Group, Fort Devens, Mass.

I. **UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS:**

- 1. Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps, Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C.
- 2. Color Guard.
- 3. Marching Platoon Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C.

J. **UNITED STATES NAVY:**

- 1. First Naval District Band.
- 2. Color Guard.
- 3. Marching Unit First Naval District.
- 4. Mobile Exhibit—40 Foot Model Aircraft Carrier.

K. UNITED STATES AIR FORCE:

1. 8th Air Force Band.
2. Color Guard.
3. Marching Unit Electronic Systems Division, L. G. Hanscom Field, Mass.
4. Marching Unit 99th Bombardment Wing, Westover AFB, Mass.
5. Marching Unit 509th Bombardment Wing, Pease AFB, N. H.
6. Marching Unit 551st WAF Squadron, Otis AFB, Mass.
7. Jody Drill Team, L. G. Hanscom Field, Mass.
8. Mobile Exhibit—Bomarc Missile.

L. UNITED STATES COAST GUARD:

Detachment United States Coast Guard.

M. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:

1. Detachment Metropolitan District Police.
2. Lieutenant Colonel Philip R. McTiernan, Commander of Troops and Staff, Massachusetts Army National Guard.
3. Massachusetts Army National Guard Color Guard.
4. 215th Army Band, Massachusetts Army National Guard.
5. 164th Transportation Battalion, Massachusetts Army National Guard.
6. 1058th Transportation Company, Massachusetts Army National Guard.
7. 1059th Transportation Company, Massachusetts Army National Guard.
8. Company A, 109th Signal Battalion, Massachusetts Army National Guard.
9. Company B, 109th Signal Battalion, Massachusetts Army National Guard.
10. Company C, 109th Signal Battalion, Massachusetts Army National Guard.
11. 293d Medical Detachment, Massachusetts Army National Guard.
12. Mobile Exhibits:
 - a. Nike Hercules Missile.
 - b. Honest John Missile.
 - c. Recoilless Weapon.
 - d. 3 Inch Howitzer.
 - e. 155 Howitzer.
 - f. 105 Howitzer.

N. AIR NATIONAL GUARD:

1. Commander of Troops and Staff, Massachusetts Air National Guard.
2. Massachusetts Air National Guard Color Guard.
3. 567th Air Force Band, Massachusetts Air National Guard.

4. Composite Marching Unit 102d Tactical Fighter Wing and 253 Communications Group, Massachusetts Air National Guard.



I DIVISION

Assemble at 9:00 A.M.

Assemble Area #1: Beacon St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Arlington St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Boylston St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Dartmouth St. (EXCLUSIVE)

Disbanding Area #1: Tremont St.—Brookline St.—Albany St. (EXCLUSIVE)—East Concord St.

1. American Legion 1966 National Championship Band.
2. National Colors and 1966 National Championship Color Guard.
3. National Commander, The American Legion.
4. National President, American Legion Auxiliary.
5. National Officers.*
6. American Legion 1966 National Championship Drum and Bugle Corps.
7. Past National Commanders.*
8. Society of American Legion Founders.*
9. Vietnam Veterans—Marching Group.
10. American Legion 1966 National Championship Chorus, Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, Junior Color Guard, Firing Squad, and Motorcycle Drill Team.
11. American Legion Youth Award Winners.
12. Seagram Post's Float and 4 autos.
13. Foreign and Outlying Departments: Philippines, France, Mexico, Canada, Italy, Panama, C. Z.
14. Hawaii

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II DIVISION

Assemble at 9:30 A.M.

Assemble Area #2: Beacon St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Dartmouth St.—Boylston St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Fairfield St. (EXCLUSIVE)

Disbanding Area #2: Tremont St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Waltham St.—Albany St. (EXCLUSIVE)—East Brookline St. (EXCLUSIVE)

15. Maryland
16. Minnesota
17. South Carolina
18. North Dakota
19. Delaware
20. Ohio

III DIVISION

Assemble at 10:15 A.M.

Assembly Area #3: Beacon St.—Fairfield St.—Boylston St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Hereford St. (EXCLUSIVE)

Disbanding Area #3: Tremont St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Lucas St.—Albany St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Waltham St. (EXCLUSIVE)

21. Indiana
22. Connecticut
23. Oregon
24. Louisiana
25. Wisconsin
26. Arkansas
27. Virginia

IV DIVISION

Assemble at 11:00 A.M.

Assembly Area #1: Beacon St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Arlington St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Boylston St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Dartmouth St. (EXCLUSIVE)

Disbanding Area #1: Tremont St.—Brookline St.—Albany St. (EXCLUSIVE)—East Concord St.

28. Kansas
29. South Dakota
30. Oklahoma
31. Rhode Island
32. Iowa
33. North Carolina
34. Idaho
35. Mississippi
36. New Hampshire

V DIVISION

Assemble at 11:45 A.M.

Assembly Area #2: Beacon St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Dartmouth St.—Boylston St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Fairfield St. (EXCLUSIVE)

Disbanding Area #2: Tremont St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Waltham St.—Albany St. (EXCLUSIVE)—East Brookline St. (EXCLUSIVE)

37. Pennsylvania
38. Nebraska
39. Michigan
40. Utah
41. Arizona

42. Texas
43. Florida

VI DIVISION

Assemble at 12:30 P.M.

Assembly Area #3: Beacon St.—Fairfield St.—Boylston St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Hereford St. (EXCLUSIVE)

Disbanding Area #3: Tremont St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Lucas St.—Albany St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Waltham St. (EXCLUSIVE)

44. New Jersey
45. Tennessee
46. West Virginia
47. Washington
48. New York
49. Puerto Rico
50. Nevada

VII DIVISION

Assemble at 1:15 P.M.

Assembly Area #1: Beacon St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Arlington St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Boylston St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Dartmouth St. (EXCLUSIVE)

Disbanding Area #1: Tremont St.—Brookline St.—Albany St. (EXCLUSIVE)—East Concord St.

51. Alaska
52. Vermont
53. Maine
54. California
55. Illinois
56. Montana
57. Georgia

VIII DIVISION

Assemble at 2:00 P.M.

Assembly Area #2: Beacon St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Dartmouth St.—Boylston St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Fairfield St. (EXCLUSIVE)

Disbanding Area #2: Tremont St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Waltham St.—Albany St. (EXCLUSIVE)—East Brookline St. (EXCLUSIVE)

58. Kentucky
59. Alabama
60. Missouri
61. Colorado
62. New Mexico
63. Wyoming
64. District of Columbia

IX DIVISION

Assemble at 2:30 P.M.

Assembly Area #3: Beacon St.—Fairfield St.—Boylston St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Hereford St. (EXCLUSIVE)

Disbanding Area #3: Tremont St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Lucas St.—Albany St. (EXCLUSIVE)—Waltham St. (EXCLUSIVE)

65. Massachusetts



ANNUAL REPORT

The last 32 pages of this official program of the 49th National Convention contain a condensed annual report for 1966-67. In accordance with the requirements of The American Legion's congressionally-granted charter, a completely detailed report has been assembled and will be presented to the Congress.

Believing that the delegates to the National Convention are entitled to receive a concise statement of the activities and achievements of the past year, your national headquarters includes this illustrated report as part of the official program. In this way, we are assured that every delegate (and, in fact, everyone who registers for the convention) will receive this condensed annual report.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION**

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Nightly except Sunday

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Thursday, August 31, at 7:30 P.M.

Box Seats \$3.00—Reserved Grandstand \$2.25

Tickets available at Filene's Men's Store,
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THE AMERICAN LEGION**

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"TO SIR, WITH LOVE"
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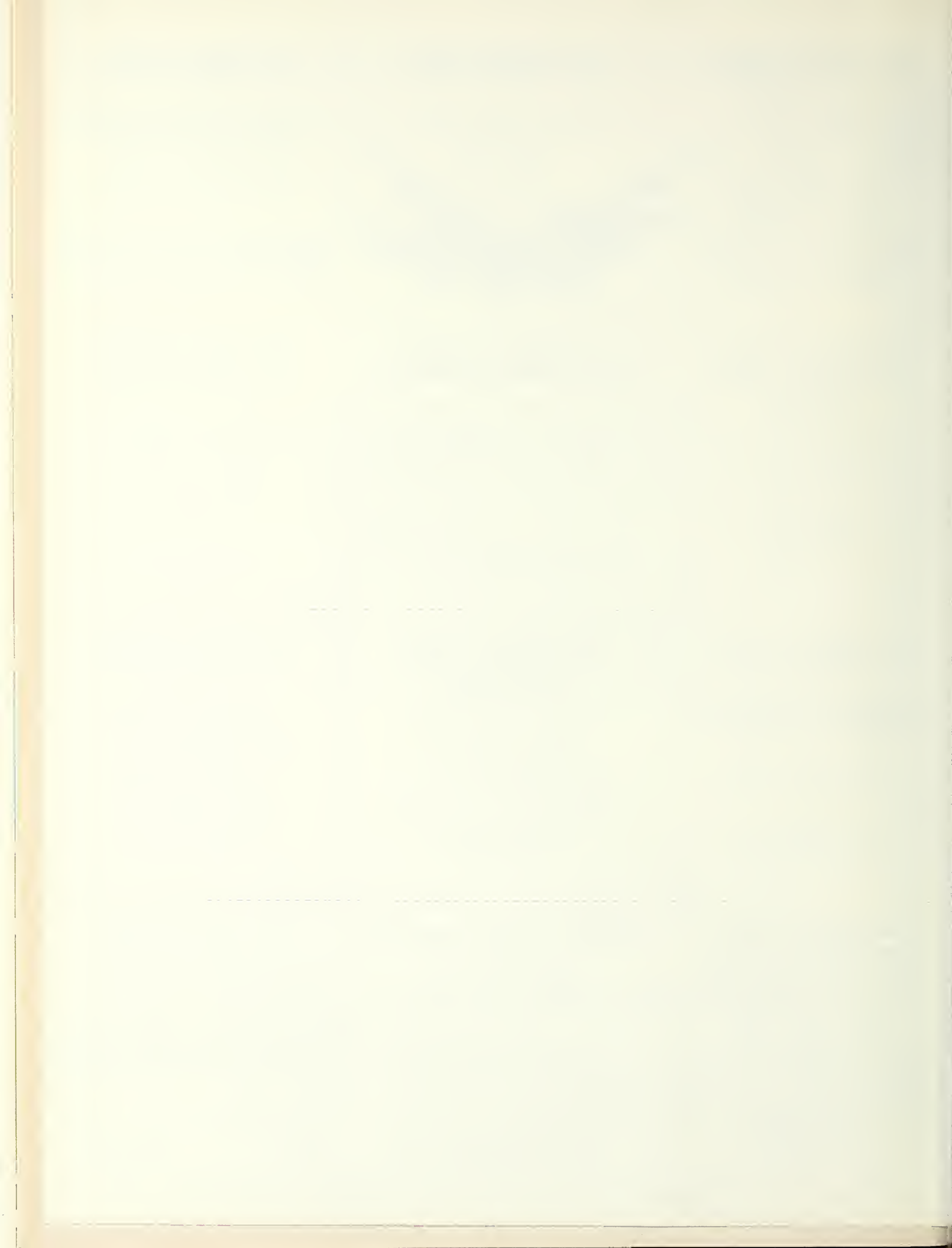
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THE AMERICAN LEGION**

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Seagram Posts.

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6 Academy Award-Winner

"A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS"

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\$3.00 Ticket for \$2.40 (Sun. thru Thurs. Eve.)
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Prudential Center

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Coupon Valid 8/29 & 31, 1967
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THE AMERICAN LEGION**

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"Follow the Route of
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(Afternoons only)

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With Coupon \$5.25

Tour No. 2

**49th National Convention
THE AMERICAN LEGION**

LADIES' DAY PROGRAM

Wed. Aug. 30, 1967
9:45 A.M.—2:45 P.M.

Morning sightseeing tour of historic No. Shore featuring visit to Salem "Witch House" and the "House of the Seven Gables."

Luncheon, Sightseeing and
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**OLDE FASHIONED NEW ENGLAND
CLAMBAKE**

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Wed. Aug. 30, 1967

Plymouth Rock & Mayflower II enroute. Roundtrip transportation—all you can eat—Cham chowder, lobster, steamed clams, corn-on-the-cob, watermelon, coffee, beer. Swimming-golf-tennis-shuffleboard.

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Sept. 1-6, 1967

From \$150.00 depending on choice
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Limited space available

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THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**POST CONVENTION TOUR TO EXPO '67
Sept. 1-4, 1967**

Roundtrip transportation Boston/Montreal . . . Hotel accommodations for 4 days, 3 nights
Three Admissions to EXPO '67

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\$ 84.67 Double Occupancy
\$119.67 Single Occupancy

VIA AIR

\$ 99.67 triple occupancy
\$104.67 double occupancy
\$139.67 single occupancy
\$ 69.67 under 12 in same
room with 2 adults.



The American Legion is proud to present its 1967 condensed annual report, the cover of which, we believe, speaks simply and eloquently for itself. We have used the American Flag to illustrate our unswerving devotion to that flag and to the country for which it stands.



Within this 32-page production are both the written and pictorial accounting of the highlights of the activities of the several Commissions and Committees of The American Legion for the year 1966-67, and the special projects and activities initiated by the National Commander.

In addition to the continuing national programs of The American Legion, all of which were given due emphasis during the year, the National Commander placed special emphasis on a two-point program of service to the nation directed at promoting the unity and the security of the United States and the well-being of all citizens.

Following a visit to Vietnam early in his term of office, the National Commander was more firmly than ever convinced of the need for a united front here at home in support of our fighting men in Vietnam, and this became a major theme of the message he carried to the nation, to Legionnaires and non-Legionnaires alike, throughout his term of office.

The second major point of emphasis, from the Commander's standpoint, was a nationwide project in support of the forces of law and order, aimed primarily at creating a new and deeper respect for the law, for those responsible for its enforcement, and for the established institutions of government.

Given guidelines and program outlines by the National Organization, all posts and departments were encouraged to make this a major project of the 1966-67 American Legion year and reports received at headquarters indicate a major degree of success. An estimated 10,000 American Legion certificates of appreciation were presented to outstanding law enforcement officers in support of the project, and four million coloring posters were distributed for use by school children to bring the younger generation into the program.

EARNEST N. SCHMIT
National Adjutant

The American Legion 49th Annual Report

A full, detailed report has been submitted to the Congress of the United States in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 249, 77th Congress, approved September 18, 1941.



JOHN E. DAVIS
(North Dakota)
National Commander
1966-67



EARNEST N. SCHMIT
(North Dakota)
National Adjutant

National Organization

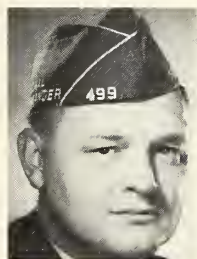
American Legion National Headquarters is located in Indianapolis, Ind., as it has been from the earliest days of the organization, the Hoosier capital city having been selected as the site by the first National Convention of the Legion in 1919. The American Legion maintains a major office operation in Washington, D. C., with The American Legion Magazine offices located in New York City. A number of field representatives are stationed at key locations across the country.

The Washington office encompasses those staff operations whose function it is to represent The American Legion before the Congress of the United States, and to maintain liaison with officials and agencies of the Federal Government. Among those operations are the Legislative, Rehabilitation, Foreign Relations, National Security, and Economic offices and related staff functions.

The National Commander, elected by the National Convention, is the chief executive officer of The American Legion, and serves for the period from the Convention which elects him to the next Convention when his successor is chosen. Similarly elected, and serving for a like period of time, are five National Vice Commanders and the National Chaplain. The National Convention is the chief policy making body of the Legion, with the National Executive Committee as an interim policy making group.

John E. Davis, of Bismarck, N. D., a decorated combat Infantry veteran of World War II service, was elected to the office of National Commander by the 1966 National Convention in Washington, D. C. American Legion achievements of his term of office are outlined in this condensed annual report.

The National Adjutant, Earnest N. Schmit, of Fargo, N. D., is The American Legion's chief administrative officer. The National Adjutant is appointed by the National Commander, with the concurrence of the National Executive Committee, as are other national officers with the exception of those elected by Convention action. Direction and supervision of the National Headquarters staff are among the prime responsibilities of the adjutant.



LEWIS W. EMERICH
(Texas)
National
Vice Commander



ROBERT M. FRITZ
(Indiana)
National
Vice Commander



HARRY V. KLEIN, JR.
(Pennsylvania)
National
Vice Commander



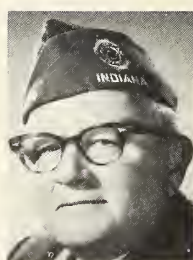
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(Massachusetts)
National
Vice Commander



JAMES A. TADLOCK
(New Mexico)
National
Vice Commander



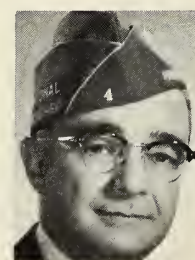
REV. FR. ANTHONY
J. O'DRISCOLL,
O.F.M.
(New Jersey)
National Chaplain



HAROLD A. SHINDLER
(Indiana)
National Historian



BERTRAM G. DAVIS
(New York)
National
Judge Advocate



FRANCIS W. POLEN
(Indiana)
National Treasurer

The National Executive Committee

Between National Conventions, the administrative authority of The American Legion is exercised by the National Executive Committee composed of the National Commander, the five National Vice Commanders, National Chaplain, and one committeeman (plus alternate) elected by each Department. Past National Commanders are life members of the NEC without vote. The NEC appoints the National Adjutant, Treasurer, Judge Advocate and Historian. The NEC also has full and complete control over the annual budget.

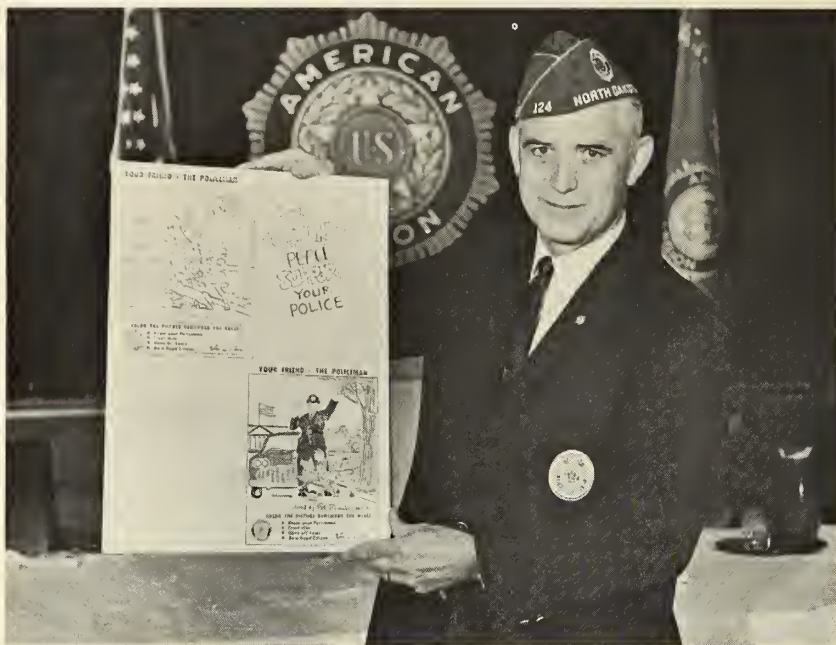
National Executive Committeemen

Alabama	<i>Hugh W. Overton</i>	Missouri	<i>Frank H. Strong</i>
Alaska	<i>George Petrovich</i>	Montana	<i>William A. Lindsay</i>
Arizona	<i>Robert E. Cockrill</i>	Nebraska	<i>Jerome Henn</i>
Arkansas	<i>Ulys. A. Lovell</i>	Nevada	<i>Thomas W. Miller</i>
California	<i>William K. Kreitz</i>	New Hampshire	<i>Raymond F. Mudge</i>
Canada	<i>Cooper L. Williams</i>	New Jersey	<i>Edmund G. Lyons</i>
Colorado	<i>Robert Grauberger</i>	New Mexico	<i>W. Peter McAtee</i>
Connecticut	<i>Joseph G. Leonard</i>	New York	<i>Louis E. Drago</i>
Delaware	<i>Frank A. Lucia</i>	North Carolina	<i>Leroy S. Lakey</i>
District of Columbia	<i>John J. Finn</i>	North Dakota	<i>Patrick T. Milloy</i>
Florida	<i>Arthur M. MacCarthy</i>	Ohio	<i>Joseph S. Deuschle, Sr.</i>
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Hawaii	<i>Wallace C. S. Young</i>	Panama, C. Z.	<i>Romeo J. Routhier</i>
Idaho	<i>Bob W. Knudsen</i>	Pennsylvania	<i>Daniel A. Drew</i>
Illinois	<i>Karl Yost</i>	Philippines	<i>Robert O. Phillips</i>
Indiana	<i>Robert L. Kuntz</i>	Puerto Rico	<i>Gilberto M. Font</i>
Iowa	<i>Robert H. Lounsberry</i>	Rhode Island	<i>John A. Ryer</i>
Italy	<i>Sexson E. Humphreys</i>	South Carolina	<i>E. Roy Stone, Jr.</i>
Kansas	<i>U. S. "Udie" Grant</i>	South Dakota	<i>Glenn R. Green</i>
Kentucky	<i>Kenneth Fern</i>	Tennessee	<i>Roscoe D. Curtiss</i>
Louisiana	<i>Henry B. Clay</i>	Texas	<i>J. Walter Janko</i>
Maine	<i>Maurice R. Parisien</i>	Utah	<i>William E. Christoffersen</i>
Maryland	<i>Robert E. L. Eaton</i>	Vermont	<i>Ray Greenwood</i>
Massachusetts	<i>Gabriel T. Olga</i>	Virginia	<i>Dr. Thomas S. Ely</i>
Mexico	<i>Harry Wright</i>	Washington	<i>Aiden F. Russell</i>
Michigan	<i>John M. Carey</i>	West Virginia	<i>L. O. Bickel</i>
Minnesota	<i>Eugene V. Lindquist</i>	Wisconsin	<i>Frank R. Schneider</i>
Mississippi	<i>Ralph M. Godwin</i>	Wyoming	<i>C. B. Metz</i>

Past National Commanders

<i>Hanford MacNider</i>	Iowa	<i>Erle Cocke, Jr.</i>	Georgia
<i>John R. Quinn</i>	California	<i>Donald R. Wilson</i>	West Virginia
<i>Henry L. Stevens, Jr.</i>	North Carolina	<i>Lewis K. Gough</i>	California
<i>Ray Murphy</i>	Iowa	<i>Seaborn P. Collins</i>	New Mexico
<i>Harry W. Colmery</i>	Kansas	<i>J. Addington Wagner</i>	Michigan
<i>Daniel J. Doherty</i>	Massachusetts	<i>W. C. Daniel</i>	Virginia
<i>Stephen F. Chadwick</i>	Washington	<i>John S. Gleason, Jr.</i>	Illinois
<i>Raymond J. Kelly</i>	Michigan	<i>Preston J. Moore</i>	Oklahoma
<i>Milo J. Warner</i>	Ohio	<i>Martin B. McKneally</i>	New York
<i>Lynn U. Stambaugh</i>	North Dakota	<i>William R. Burke</i>	California
<i>Warren H. Atherton</i>	California	<i>Charles L. Bacon</i>	Missouri
<i>Edward N. Scheiberling</i>	New York	<i>James E. Powers</i>	Georgia
<i>Paul H. Griffith</i>	Pennsylvania	<i>Daniel F. Foley</i>	Minnesota
<i>James F. O'Neil</i>	New Hampshire	<i>Donald E. Johnson</i>	Iowa
<i>S. Perry Brown</i>	Texas	<i>L. Eldon James</i>	Virginia
<i>George N. Craig</i>	Indiana		

LAW and ORDER *at home and abroad . . .*



National Commander John E. Davis used the Washington press conference to launch one of his major programs for the year, a concerted nationwide project which was implemented by Posts and Departments across the land aimed at helping to build a new and deeper respect on the part of all citizens for the forces of law and order.



Soon after Convention, Commander Davis pays a courtesy call upon the President of the United States and presents him with a copy of the Convention mandates.



It's a small world as the Commander soon finds during a visit with American fighting men in South Vietnam. Here, in Da Nang, he is greeted by PFC Robert Brock, of Fargo, N. D., who was serving there with the U. S. Marine Corps at the time of the Commander's visit.

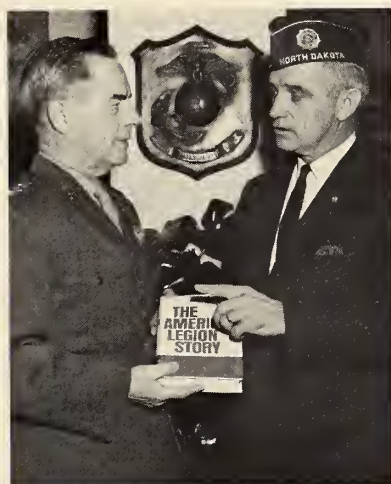


One of the highlights of the National Commander's banquet honoring the Congress of the United States during the annual Washington Conference was the presentation of the Legion's Distinguished Public Service Award to Illinois Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen.

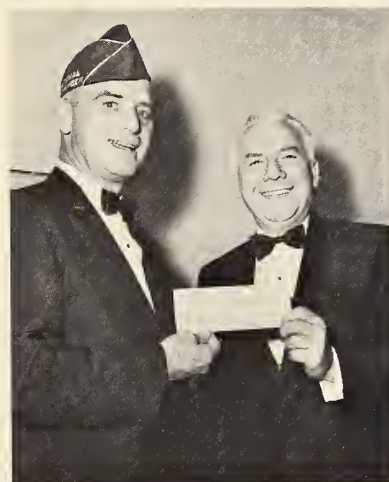
Still in South Vietnam, a concerned National Commander is briefed by Major General Herman J. Nickerson, commanding general of the First U. S. Marine Division.



Homecoming in Bismarck, N. D., is the next major event for the Commander and General Lewis B. Hershey, director of the U. S. Selective Service System, was guest speaker for the gala event.



The National Commander also devoted considerable effort to distribution and promotion of the new book, "The American Legion Story," by Raymond Moley, Jr. Here the Commander presents a copy of the book to General Wallace M. Greene, Jr., Commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps.



During visit to the Department of New York, Commander Davis presents a check in the amount of \$5,000 to Fred Devine, Deputy Executive Director of CARE, for use in assisting the civilian population of South Vietnam.

Almost routine by this stage of the Commander's term of office is the matter of the news conference. Here the Commander faces the press during a visit to Los Angeles, Calif., where he addressed community leaders and Legionnaires at the annual Los Angeles Civic Luncheon.





Daniel J. O'Connor
Americanism

AMERICANISM

Daniel J. O'Connor (New York), *Chairman*
Maurice T. Webb (Georgia), *Director*

Americanism is the program of The American Legion which has as an objective the transmittal to young citizens and older citizens a belief in and love for our United States of America. The Americanism program continues to be instituted at an accelerated pace in order to train as many young citizens as possible in those areas which will help them become better citizens.

Sponsorship of Boy Scout Units again exceeded 4,000 Units in 1966.

Support of Boys' Clubs continues as an activity of many American Legion Posts across the country.

Boys State and Boys Nation are the programs where The American Legion trains young citizens in the fundamentals of our political form of government. Over 28,000 young men participated in these programs in 1966.

The American pastime—baseball—continued as a program to train young men in the basics of good sportsmanship and proficiency in the game through American Legion Baseball. Eight Regional Champions are competing August 31-September 5, 1967 in The American Legion World Series in Memphis, Tennessee.

"NEED A LIFT?," the scholarship handbook, continued in great demand. Distribution of "NEED A LIFT?" exceeded 115,000 copies for the 16th Edition (1966-67 year). The "GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS" distribution exceeded one-half million copies.

The National High School Oratorical Contest for 1967 was conducted at Lincoln, Nebraska, on April 12, 1967, with the following results:

First Place—Alan Lee Keyes, San Antonio, Texas, \$4,000.00 Scholarship.

Second Place—Joseph Peter McCaffrey, Jr., Silver Spring, Maryland, \$2,500.00 Scholarship.

Third Place—Eric A. DeGroff, Kansas City, Kansas, \$1,000.00 Scholarship.

Fourth Place—Bernd Michael Kutzscher, Sherman Oaks, California, \$500.00 Scholarship.

The American Legion continues to favor federal legis-

lation which would make it a crime to desecrate the Flag of the United States.

Many other programs are administered by the Americanism Commission; however, space prohibits a report on each of them. These include, but are not limited to: Constitution Day-Citizenship Day, Community Service, Observance of Patriotic Holidays, Flag Education, School Medal Award Program, Marksmanship, American Education Week and others.



Boys Nation Senators in formal session at the University of Maryland.



The 1966 champions of American Legion Baseball are the team representing Captain Bill Erwin Post No. 337, of Oakland, Calif.




National Commander John E. Davis visits the offices of Boy Scouts of America, and presents to Chief Scout Executive J. A. Brunton a mounted copy of the Legion's resolution commending the Boy Scout movement on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. J. E. Martie (Nevada), *Chairman*

FIRING LINE is a publication of the National Americanism Commission which brings together facts concerning subversive activity in the United States. Again this year, FIRING LINE exceeded the previous year both financially and in subscriptions. During the past year, through the pages of this publication, we have tried to inform Legionnaires and others concerning certain campus activities, particularly those connected with the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America, Students for a Democratic Society, Spring Mobilization, draft card burners and desecration of the Flag of the United States. Again this year, we provided sample FIRING LINE copies to be included in the packets of Legion Department Conventions.




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COMMANDING THOUGHTS

CAMPUS PLANS FOR "VIETNAM WEEK"

Plans were laid for nationwide demonstrations on college and university campuses during the week of April 8-15, 1967, to be known as "Vietnam Week" at a national student conference held on December 28-30, 1966, at the University of Chicago. The Student Mobilization Committee, headquartered in New York City, has been established to coordinate the demonstrations.

This is not very helpful



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The Student Mobilization Committee is contemplating a number of activities during "Vietnam Week." These include: student strikes at half a dozen universities; anti-draft activities to back the rights of students to decline to cooperate with the military; bond-raising drives to provide medical aid to Vietnamese war victims; sit-ins at draft boards and recruiting stations as well as acts of civil disobedience to interfere with the operations of Government agencies; boycotts against firms engaged in the production of war materials; and pledges to refuse to pay Federal taxes to support the war in Vietnam.

Represented at the Chicago conference, which was attended by approximately 250 individuals, were the Communist Party, the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America, a Marxist youth front, the Students for a Democratic Society, a so-called "New Left" group, Youth Against War and Fascism, a Trotskyite splinter group, the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party and its youth group, the Young Socialist Alliance, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, a militant civil rights organization, and the pro-Peking Progressive Labor Party.

"Vietnam Week" is to culminate on April 15 in mass demonstrations of students and faculty members in New York City and San Francisco. The purpose of this nationwide mobilization is to arouse student protest against the war in Vietnam and against the martial disruption of academic life. The Vietnam war was described by the conference as a "racist," "murderous," and "illegal" war.

One aim of the Chicago conference was to discuss a previously considered national student strike—originally proposed last summer by Bettina Aptheker. After canvassing a number of student leaders throughout the country and receiving favorable replies, Miss Aptheker suggested the strike as a means of mobilizing the academic community against the war in Vietnam. The Chicago conference decided that a student strike was not practicable at this time.

Miss Aptheker, a prominent figure at the Chicago conference, is a student protest leader at the University of California at Berkeley. She was elected a member of the Communist Party's National Committee in June, 1966.

The Chicago conference was undoubtedly called to capitalize on plans previously announced by another anti-war organization known as the Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam at a conference in Cleveland in the latter part of November, 1966. This conference was attended by more than 100 persons, most of whom were members of the Socialist Workers Party and the Young Socialist Alliance. Several Communist Party and Du Bois Clubs leaders were also present. A program of extensive peace demonstrations was outlined in the Spring of 1967 to end in huge demonstrations in New York City and San Francisco on April 15.

"This is All Very Helpful"—unfortunately to the enemy.

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THE STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE IS CONTEMPLATING A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES DURING "VIETNAM WEEK." THESE INCLUDE: STUDENT STRIKES AT HALF A DOZEN UNIVERSITIES; ANTI-DRAFT ACTIVITIES TO BACK THE RIGHTS OF STUDENTS TO DECLINE TO COOPERATE WITH THE MILITARY; BOND-RAISING DRIVES TO PROVIDE MEDICAL AID TO VIETNAMESE WAR VICTIMS; SIT-INS AT DRAFT BOARDS AND RECRUITING STATIONS AS WELL AS ACTS OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE TO INTERFERE WITH THE OPERATIONS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES; BOYCOTTS AGAINST FIRMS ENGAGED IN THE PRODUCTION OF WAR MATERIALS; AND PLEDGES TO REFUSE TO PAY FEDERAL TAXES TO SUPPORT THE WAR IN VIETNAM.

Posed at the foot of the statue of one of America's great orators of all time, William Jennings Bryan, are the four finalists of The American Legion's 1967 National High School Oratorical Contest, gathered in Lincoln, Neb., for the national finals. On the left are: (top) Joseph P. McCaffrey, Jr., of Silver Spring, Md., second place winner, and (below) Bernd M. Kutzscher, of Sherman Oaks, Calif., fourth place. Top right is Alan L. Keyes, of San Antonio, Tex., 1967 champion youth orator, and (below) Eric A. DeGross, of Kansas City, Kans., third place winner.



Morris (Bob) Nooner, Jr.
Child Welfare

CHILD WELFARE

Morris "Bob" Nooner, Jr. (Illinois), *Chairman*
Randel Shake (Indiana), *Director*

Through the centuries of the world's existence weaving has been one of the important functions of the human animal. Archaeological evidence indicates that even prehistoric man used weaving in one form or another for warmth, shelter and the trapping of food. In our modern world, weaving, and all of its related domestic arts, has become so necessary that our textile industry is one of the most important.

In our American Legion Child Welfare program, we too are interested in weaving, but our interest is in the weaving of health and character in our children. And just as the textile industry has had to add new machines, methods or techniques as new raw materials and fibers became available, so also has The American Legion had to change its methods and techniques as new problems present themselves in the lives of our children.

Our theme for 1967 has been "Character Weavers—U.S.A." Our points of emphasis included child safety, juvenile delinquency, emotionally disturbed children, and outdoor recreation. Our efforts have been devoted to the seeking of new programs and methods that seem appropriate to the problems of modern, urban, 20th Century children and youth. History will perhaps be the final judge of whether any major progress was made, but we do believe there are signs indicating some lessening of the "humanities gap" between our social and our physical sciences.

During the past year we have observed a growing realization on the part of the general public that major changes must be made in our methods of handling crime and delinquency. With this realization has come an apparent willingness to pay the costs that such changes will entail. We have witnessed a much wider acceptance of the inability of a large group of people to successfully compete in today's society. With this wider acceptance has also come understanding that some cannot compete physically, some mentally and emotionally, some socially, some economically and some educationally.

We have seen expanded awareness that, in time, much of illness, disease, and deformity can be either prevented

or corrected. For example, the year 1967 brought a decline in the rate of primary and secondary syphilis for the first time since 1957. It also marked the year of a concentrated attack on measles through the launching of a program of immunization to prevent the disease that has left so many life-long infirmities in its wake.

During 1967 we noted an upsurge of belief that meeting the social problems of society was a public responsibility and required the joint efforts and attention of public leaders at community, state and national levels. Cooperation in meeting common problems had many and varied sectors—but our efforts in education, care of the retarded and the mentally ill, the attempts to increase safety measures, and our involvement with leisure-time activities will serve to illustrate.

But the past year affected Child Welfare in The American Legion in another way for it ushered in our first plans to celebrate our organization's 50th Anniversary—beginning in 1968. There are many ways to view the effectiveness of the Child Welfare program since it began in The American Legion, but perhaps the most universally understood is a money measurement. Through Child Welfare's 1967 fiscal year, the total expenditures by The American Legion and its affiliated organizations for the welfare of children has totalled \$220,617,956.53—a figure rapidly approaching the one quarter billion dollar mark.



The individual projects of the several Posts are an important part of the total Child Welfare program of The American Legion. Here, members of American Legion Post No. 2, Tacoma, Wash., carry out their "Eye See" program, which provided textbooks and other reading materials to blind school children in the area. They are presenting a "Braille" to a blind child.

As impressive as this figure is, probably a more important one is the approximate 2,150,000 man-years of volunteer service, by members of The American Legion and its Auxiliary, devoted to the concern of one generation for the next through the Child Welfare program.

As traditional as it is to review the past during a 50th Anniversary celebration, a more demanding responsibility during The American Legion's celebration is the planning toward the next 50 years. How many children will be added to the nation's population between now and the year 2018? Where and how will they be living? What new problems will they be facing? What percentage of the nation's children will be of veteran parentage? What diseases of children will we have conquered? What new ones will have developed? How and to where will our population be traveling? Will schools as we now know them still be in existence? Will the principles that have governed our Child Welfare efforts during the past 50 years still be sound, or will we need to modify them?

These and a whole host of other questions make the years ahead in the Child Welfare program as challenging as at any point in history; it is the responsibility of all of us to make sure they are as rewarding.



Members of Thunderbird Post No. 41, of Phoenix, Ariz., prepare packages of food for needy families at Christmastime.



Officials of the Department of Colorado present an American Flag to the day school of the United Cerebral Palsy Center in Denver.

Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

George Ehinger (Delaware), *President*

Randel Shake (Indiana), *Executive Secretary*

One of the very important and effective, but lesser known, parts of The American Legion's Child Welfare program is the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. Established in 1954 the Foundation has quietly and without fanfare gone about its business of receiving contributions and making grants to achieve the purposes set out by its Articles of Incorporation; those purposes are (1) to add to the sum total of man's knowledge about children and youth through research, and (2) to make the knowledge society already possesses more effective through wider distribution.

Starting thirteen years ago with zero dollars in its treasury the Foundation has received nearly \$350,000.00 in contributions made primarily by members of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. The Foundation is dedicated to the principle of preventing as many as possible of the physical and social ills that affect so many of our nation's children. Being a small Foundation (as Foundations go) it is also dedicated to the principle of making grants of a "seedling" nature. In its short history the Foundation has learned that a small Foundation can be of tremendous importance to the children of the nation by making even small grants for the right purpose at the right time. The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's "small starts" have time after time attracted large sums of money from other sources to carry on to effectiveness what our Foundation got started.

At its meeting in Washington, D. C., on March 1, 1967, the Foundation authorized grants of \$28,500.00 for four projects. Grants made this year were: (1) Institute of Logopedics, Wichita, Kansas, \$10,000, to provide a video tape recorder and television camera to implement the Institute's training program in speech and hearing problems. The tapes will also be used by other professional training programs where clinical facilities are not available. (2) National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation, New York City, \$8,500, for a Basic Science Fellowship for research on cystic fibrosis. (3) Joint Commission on Correctional Manpower and Training, Washington, D. C., \$8,000, to assist in its continuing three-year study of how to provide manpower so seriously needed in the corrections field. (4) National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service, New York City, \$2,000, to provide scholarships for practical nurses who wish to specialize in pediatric nursing.

Including the above mentioned authorizations the Foundation has now made grants totaling \$272,658.83 and has authorized an additional grant of \$15,000 which is temporarily delayed at the request of the applicant.

As a tax-exempt Foundation, gifts of stock, land, money and memorial contributions have supported the Foundation's efforts. By use of the Memorial Fund within the Foundation it is possible to remember a friend or fellow member and at the same time put your gift to positive use in helping children.



Donald J. Smith
Internal Affairs

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Donald J. Smith (Michigan), *Chairman*
C. W. (Pat) Geile (Indiana), *Director*

To supervise and coordinate national Committee activity conducted for organizational purposes, including, but not limited to, such as do not properly come within the scope of any of the other national Commissions.

Further, to supervise and coordinate the necessary administrative operations of the National Organization.

These are the broad general purposes of the Internal Affairs Commission, as defined by the National Executive Committee. They are, for the most part, housekeeping chores, not too glamorous, having absolutely no sex appeal, yet highly necessary, and completely essential to the success of all programs.

The Internal Affairs Commission is also charged with "supervising and coordinating" six attached standing national Committees: Constitution and By-Laws; Graves Registration and Memorial; Membership and Post Activities; Pilgrimage*; Resolutions Assignment; Trophies and Ceremonials.

A separate report of the Membership and Post Activities Committee appears in this publication, but it is worthy of note that, under the revitalized and reorganized membership program initiated by this Committee in 1961, The American Legion enjoyed increases in membership in 1962, 1965, and 1966. At the time of this writing, there is every indication that 1967 will also record a membership increase of perhaps as much as 20,000 or 25,000.

A condensed listing of some of the major activities of the Internal Affairs Commission during the 12-month period ending June 30, 1967, will give some indication of the scope and the complexity of the subjects that are brought before it and its attached committees:

(1) *National Cemeteries*: Efforts to bring about an orderly and highly necessary expansion of the national cemetery system; vigorous objection to Department of Defense regulations limiting burials at Arlington National Cemetery; policy decision that all national cemeteries should be administered by the Veterans Administration and agreement that, in the National Organization of The

American Legion, responsibility for National Cemetery policies and their implementation should be transferred from the Graves Registration and Memorial Committee to the Rehabilitation Commission.

(2) *Eligibility*: Through the work of a special Membership Eligibility Committee, appointed in 1965, adoption of amendments to the National Charter and Constitution of The American Legion at the 48th National Convention, making veterans of the Vietnam period (August 5, 1964, to date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States) eligible for membership in The American Legion; rescission of a 1942 action so that enlisted men who are discharged to accept commissions may join The American Legion even though remaining on active duty during the current period of hostilities.

(3) *Processing Resolutions*: Establishment of a new procedure for processing some 700 resolutions at the National Convention, beginning in 1967, so that the experience and background information of standing Commissions and Committees may routinely be made available to convention committees; development of a more efficient system for reporting to the National Executive Committee dispositions of all resolutions that are not being recommended for approval.

(4) *Insurance*: Institution of a thorough and detailed study of the feasibility of a hospital indemnity insurance plan for members of The American Legion;

(5) *Mail*: Testimony to Congress supporting improved postal services at reduced rates for members of the Armed Forces in Vietnam.

(6) *Auxiliary*: Updating of Auxiliary regulations pertaining to expenditure of Poppy Funds in line with changed membership eligibility requirements.

(7) *Purposes of Commissions and Committees*: Review and pending restatement when needed of the statements of purpose of all national Commissions and Committees.

(8) *Automation*: Observation of the installation of the electronic data processing system at National Headquarters and review of revised membership procedures made necessary thereby.

(9) *Ceremonies*: Updating of Manual of Ceremonies.

(10) *Awards*: Nominations of individuals to receive American Legion Distinguished Service Medal and International Amity Award; reporting of special awards made by National Organization during previous year; refurbishing of various permanent trophies.

(11) *Staff Functions*: Reorganization of the staff of the Internal Affairs Division on August 1, 1966, and the establishment of a separate Administrative Services Division, the latter under the supervision of the Assistant National Adjutant, and the former under the supervision of a separate director.

*The National Executive Committee, at its meeting of May 3-4, 1967, eliminated the Pilgrimage Committee for the reason that the purpose for which the Committee was originally established in 1929 no longer needs to be served.

Membership and Post Activities

Earl D. Franklin, Jr. (Colorado), *Chairman*
J. Lloyd Wignall (Utah), *Director*



MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

Total official membership, 1965.....	2,547,246
Total official membership, 1966.....	2,553,782
1966 membership, as of July 1, 1966.....	2,513,810
1967 membership, as of July 1, 1967.....	2,537,821

When "The Big Year" theme was chosen for the 1967 membership drive the dominant thought was that with two straight years of gain behind us we could achieve three consecutive years of growth for the first time since 1946. As we approach the 49th Convention, the thought is about to become a reality. As this report is written, a membership gain can be predicted with complete confidence.

One year ago The American Legion opened its ranks to a new group of veterans—those of the Vietnam era. The potential membership possibilities will be great and there are now over 50,000 of our youngest veterans who are members of The American Legion. But the Membership and Post Activities Committee felt then, and feels now, that the change in eligibility is basically the fulfillment of a moral obligation to recognize the equality of service today with that during other periods of war.

Our basic policy is to maintain a constructive and helpful relationship between The American Legion and the men and women serving during the Vietnam crisis or with those who are about to enter service. We hope to maintain contact with those who have been honorably separated and we must acquaint the families of these men and women who are now on active duty with the many services available through The American Legion.

We want the Viet-Vet to find in The American Legion the type of organization to which he will want to belong and we want to be doing the things he feels are important. To help us, a small but representative group of Vietnam Legionnaires was brought to Indianapolis during our mid-year Membership and Post Activities Committee meeting. The instructions we gave this group of young Legionnaires were simple—we stated that we were interested in the present views of the Viet-Vet concerning The American Legion; we wanted to know what they felt The American Legion should be doing; and we wanted to know what should be of concern to us if we are to reach a significant number of our newest eligibles.

One of several recommendations made by this group of Vietnam period veterans was that The American Legion should assume the role of a concerned friendly advisor as one of the best means of serving the Vietnam serviceman and veteran. This committee emphasized that our young servicemen lack full and adequate information on veterans' rights and that the Legion must step in and fill this void. Other recommendations had to do with positive programs with a patriotic theme. Our 1968 plans will encompass many of the recommendations that have

already been made and will include recommendations offered through the Viet-Vet Advisory Committee that will be functioning during the 1967 National Convention. The first all-Vietnam Post was formed in Wichita, Kansas, during the past year. We are fully expecting others to be formed.

New posts chartered in areas where veterans will have easy access continue to be a priority project. With fifty new charters granted during the first five months of 1967, there is evidence that Legionnaires are beginning to accept the fact that new posts tend to increase the membership of already existing posts nearby and that there is a general increase in Legion activities.

In planning for 1968, the Membership and Post Activities Committee has had the benefit of a survey in depth concerning the attitude of the American people toward The American Legion. There is being built into our 1968 campaign post programs which, it is hoped, will capitalize on a very favorable national image indicated in the survey. It is our hope that we can cause the veterans of America to identify with their local posts the achievements and goals of the National American Legion that have been so well received by the American people. It is recognized that our efforts must be directed toward our younger veterans. This will be the theme of the Fourth National Membership Workshop, which will have been completed August 3-4, just prior to the National Convention.

The Membership and Post Activities Committee is looking forward to a second half century fully aware that The American Legion can still grow and is capable of adjusting to a rapidly changing world. We wish to bring this awareness down to every post in America. This can be our greatest contribution to membership in the years ahead.



The Legion opened its ranks to membership for veterans of the Vietnam era during the 1966 National Convention. Special emphasis is being given to enrollment of the younger veteran. Here, Commander Davis (right foreground) attends a mass induction of 57 Viet veterans in Topeka, Kansas.



A special Vietnam Veterans advisory committee was established by the Legion to obtain the counsel of the new generation of veterans on programs and activities. The committee is pictured in session in the National Executive Committee room at National Headquarters.



In one of the most unusual moves in American Legion National Convention history, newly-elected National Commander John E. Davis joins his predecessor and other Legion leaders, while the Convention is in recess, to witness the Presidential signing of a bill opening the ranks of Legion membership to Vietnam era veterans.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Robert E. Lyngh, *Assistant National Adjutant*

The Administrative Services Division was established in the National Headquarters at Indianapolis on August 1, 1966, at the time of the reorganization of the Internal Affairs Division. Prior to that date, the functions now assigned to the Administrative Services Division had been a part of the Internal Affairs Division. These functions include: Purchasing, Shipping and Supplies; Mail and Cashier; Library, including the Museum; Stenographic Pool; personnel records and recruitment; Cafeteria; building maintenance.

The following statistical tables are indicative of the volume of work routinely performed by this Division.

Posts Chartered 7/1/66 to 6/1/67

Number of Posts 7/1/66.....	16,316
Cancelled 7/1/66 to 6/1/67.....	136
Chartered same period.....	91
Number of Posts 6/1/67.....	16,271

Mail 7/1/66 to 6/1/67

Incoming Letters	849,888
Incoming Parcels	2,384
Outgoing Letters	310,251
Outgoing Parcels	43,499

Duplicating 7/1/66 to 6/1/67

Pages mimeographed	1,443,730
Pages multigraphed and multilithed	6,259,028
Envelopes & labels addressed	426,495
Letters transcribed	18,979
Addressograph plates cut	3,024
Outgoing telegrams	1,348
Xerox copies	171,180

Supplies 7/1/66 to 6/1/67

Paper Cut and Processed
907 reams or 14,537 lbs. (7¼ tons)

Freight And Express 7/1/66 to 6/1/67

In	693 Cartons (15,208 lbs.)
Out	2,496 Cartons (99,058 lbs.)



John J. Flynn
Economic

NATIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION

John J. Flynn (California), *Chairman*
Austin E. Kerby (Maryland), *Director*

The main objectives of the National Economic Commission have remained essentially unchanged since the very inception of The American Legion. A way to make a living and a decent place to live—these from the beginning of history have been the basic needs of all servicemen upon discharge. This continues to be the established goal sought by the Economic Commission and its affiliated Committees.

The 48th Annual National Convention and subsequent National Executive Committee meetings approved an extensive program for legislative and administrative action. Economic principles as established, formed the basis for all approved mandates in the field of employment, housing, veterans' preference in federal employment and other economic matters, with a definite view toward concrete assistance for the Vietnam veteran.

Commission efforts have been focused toward equalizing Vietnam veteran benefits with those benefits previously extended to veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict. We are mandated to support legislation to extend such benefits as on-the-job training; preferential consideration under the Homestead Act; preference to veterans and servicemen for low-rent housing projects; and preference in federal employment for certain wives, widows and mothers of disabled or deceased Vietnam veterans.

In the area of appropriations we have supported Department of Labor budget request for the Veterans Employment Service, Employment of the Older Worker, and the Office of Veterans Reemployment Rights.

Public Law 89-754, supported by The American Legion, removes the discrimination against certain war veterans who had previously used VA home loan entitlement and gives all qualified veterans the same advantage in applying for the FHA liberalized mortgage financing as granted in the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965.

In the area of veterans' housing we are also supporting legislation to extend the delimiting dates of GI home loans for World War II and Korean Conflict veterans.

The American Legion has for a number of years successfully fought attempts to weaken veterans' preference in federal employment. Last year an Administration Bill sought to remove thousands of jobs from veterans' preference and Civil Service coverage in the Department of State, Agency for International Development and the United States Information Agency. We are mandated this year to introduce and support legislation to place all federal employees under the Classified Civil Service and Veterans' Preference Laws.

Concerning administrative activities, we were very recently successful in efforts to eliminate certain provisions in a Department of Labor proposal. Terminology used in the instant case was in direct violation of the Veterans' Preference Act. However, it was written in such a way that it was not easily noticeable that veterans' preference was being circumvented. In effect, the proposal would have allowed for direct non-competitive appointments to any position in the Department of Labor. The revised proposal eliminates those provisions that were detrimental to veterans' preference in federal employment.

The Postmaster General's proposal to remove the Post Office Department from the Executive Branch of the Government was very recently studied. And the Economic Commission will insist that veterans' preference be maintained in any re-organization. Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien has been requested to clarify his proposal with reference to veterans' preference.

The Economic Commission, through its Employment Committee, continues its efforts designed to encourage employers to hire handicapped and older workers. This program is publicized throughout the various departments. And on the basis of nominations received, awards are presented annually to employers, both public and private, whose employment practices in these areas are outstanding. A total of sixty-one employers across the nation were so honored—thirty-four for hiring the handicapped and twenty-seven for hiring older workers. These awards were made in cooperation with the Veterans Employment Service, The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, and the State Employment Security Agencies.

Five Area Economic Conferences were held in the past year. All conferences were well attended, panels were interesting, informative and fruitful for those who were seeking information and guidance on problems relative to the economic welfare of veterans, especially the economic needs of the Vietnam veteran.

While legislative and administrative efforts and accomplishments are important, the individual and personal claims services remain one of the prime functions of The American Legion toward the economic welfare of veterans.



C. D. DeLoach
Public Relations

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

C. D. "Deke" DeLoach (District of Columbia), *Chairman*
James C. Watkins, (District of Columbia), *Director*

The National Public Relations program of The American Legion for the current year was the beneficiary of two bonuses, one carrying over from the term of the immediate past National Commander and another which will carry into the term of our next Commander.

The former was recognition by Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge of "Operation Show Your Colors," and the presentation of a major national award for the effort. The latter comes from a near last minute postponement of the launching of a new ship to be christened the S.S. American Legion.

We already had realized a great deal of national publicity on the ship christening before receiving notification of the delay in launching, and this program will be picked up with renewed emphasis when the new launching date is established.

Close on the heels of our Washington National Convention, which commanded for The American Legion the most voluminous news coverage in years, helped by a heavy concentration of the nation's press in the Capital, we have enjoyed an almost unbroken string of substantial, good, American Legion news developments.

Our new book, "The American Legion Story," by Raymond Moley, Jr., introduced at the Washington Convention, has been extremely well received and is being used by posts and departments to the best possible advantage. They are placing it in public and school libraries for the benefit of the rising generation in learning the true story of The American Legion. The promotional effort is a continuing one for the public relations staff and commission. At this date, over twenty-five thousand copies have been sold.

National Commander Davis' tour of the Far East and Vietnam brought us four major news breaks while he was in the Orient, two of which originated through advance contacts made with representatives of the Copley News Service, another out of Saigon with Joseph Fried of Mutual News, and the fourth from Okinawa and the Far East Broadcasting Company. Arrangements were



The 1966 National Convention of The American Legion in Washington, D. C., commanded excellent coverage by all news media. Here the TV and motion picture camera crews are at work recording proceedings of a convention session.

made with Hearst Metrotone News, Inc., of Washington, D. C., prior to the Commander's departure, to film a color Telenews News Special of the National Commander's visit in Saigon, which was distributed to 100 TV stations throughout the United States. From those reporting it was used an average of 24 times and it is estimated that we received approximately \$8,000 worth of free public service time, in addition to bringing to the attention of the public The American Legion's support of our Armed Forces in Vietnam. This represented the greatest volume of news on the most timely basis that has yet been generated by such a trip, and it received wide distribution throughout the country.

Immediately upon his return, the Commander conducted a news conference in Washington. At that time, he made the announcement of our program for support of law and order, which has made continuing news since then as the posts and departments have made their respective moves to implement the program.

In support of this project the Public Relations Division has provided suggested speeches, suggested proclamations for public officials, suggested spot announcements for radio and television use, suggested editorials and news stories, and the "Your Friend The Policeman" cartoon for coloring by school children.

Four million of these cartoons were printed and distributed to posts and departments. Commander Davis also had a by-line article in the March issue of the "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin" and we have provided some 2,000 reprints of the story to fill specific requests. Response from our clipping service and materials forwarded by posts and departments indicate an excellent response from the public to the over-all program.

Our next big newsmaker was the Washington Conference which commanded good coverage of such feature

events as the National Commander's banquet for the Congress and the presentation of the distinguished public service award to Senator Dirksen, presentation of the National Commander's Award to the American Newspaper Publishers Association at a special PR luncheon, the Commander's testimony before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, and the statement of policy on national cemeteries.

A new record high of 33 recorded TV interviews of Legion leaders with their Senators was established, and the sound on film interviews were serviced to more than 150 TV stations while the sound alone went to more than 200 radio stations, in addition to the photographic coverage of the individuals involved and serviced to their hometown newspapers and department publications.

The hometown news service was used more extensively this year than at any other Washington meeting. More than 100 captioned photos and news stories were produced, and from the over-all conference more than 300 photos were serviced to hometown news areas.

One of the most important gauges of the effectiveness of public relations is the news clippings culled from the nation's press by Burrelle's Clipping Service. In the six months immediately following the Washington Convention we have enjoyed an upsurge in these news items, our most factual proof that American Legion news material is being used. For the period of August to March of 1965-66, we received 3,499 clips, and for the same time range of 1966-67 we received 5,224.

In addition to lending support to those major news events which involve the public press, we continue to have the major responsibility for production and distribution of American Legion News Service, and the accompanying picture service, to a mailing list of more than 1,350 publications across the country.



During the 1967 Washington Conference a total of 33 interviews were taped and recorded between U.S. Senators and Legion leaders from their home states. Prints of those interviews were provided to radio and TV stations throughout the states involved.



The National Commander's first news conference upon his return from Vietnam was conducted at the Legion's Washington offices and drew a good representation from the Washington press corps.



For the first time in history, The American Legion's National Public Relations Commission receives a briefing at the White House. Conducting the session is Joseph Califano, Assistant to the President. The session was arranged by Commission Chairman C. D. "Deke" DeLoach.



James E. Powers
Publications

PUBLICATIONS COMMISSION

James E. Powers (Georgia), *Chairman*
James F. O'Neil (New Hampshire), *Publisher,*
The American Legion Magazine

The American Legion Magazine was entering the final stages of converting its mailing lists to automated equipment as 1966 came to a close. It was estimated that the project would be completed and that the preparation of the labels for the mailing of the magazine would be completed by mid-1967, well ahead of the deadline of January 1, 1968 established by the Post Office Department to meet its requirements for Zip Coding and pre-sorting.

This project, involving an outlay of more than one-half million dollars, has been full of heartaches and headaches at Indianapolis. For instance, some equipment breakdowns were not anticipated and some other problems developed that never had been dreamed possible. However, under the direction of Dean Nelson, Circulation Manager, and Edgar Schultz, the EDP system supervisor, what appeared to be insurmountable was on the way to being resolved as the program for 1967 was being formalized.

The Circulation Department was moved from the basement of the National Headquarters building to the second floor. The automated system was established in a new air-conditioned section of that floor at an approximate cost of \$35,000.

Cost increases in almost every phase of producing and distributing The American Legion Magazine were felt in 1966. Printing went up \$25,067.60; paper \$31,637.64; and payroll \$46,724.74. Income revealed a modest rise. Advertising showed a gain of \$9,513.36; subscriptions (membership and non-membership) \$9,694.12; and non-operating revenue \$3,214.34.

After adjustment of the records, involving bookkeeping transfers from the funds established for the automated equipment and related items, The American Legion Magazine showed a net gain for 1966 of \$613,508.31, or \$3,444.49 less than for 1965. Our expenditures, including some EDP system costs, were \$227,204.35 more than in 1965.



This is one of the two new printers for magazine mailing labels which have a combined capacity of 96,000 labels per hour.

As we prepare for 1967, the important matters to be considered are:

1. Close study of the Electronic Data Processing system and its possible utilization by other divisions of The American Legion.
2. Execution of the 1968 membership cards and their correlation with the record files at national, state and post levels.
3. Postal rates and the impact upon The American Legion Magazine of proposed legislation to increase same.
4. The printing contract.
5. The paper situation.

Specifications will be prepared for distribution to eligible and qualified printers regarding the printing of The American Legion Magazine. The current contract with the Fawcett Haynes Printing Company expires on June 30, 1968. It is planned to have bids returned in time for consideration at the meeting of The Publications Commission to be held in Boston, Mass., prior to the National Convention in August, 1967.

It is hoped that the paper market will stabilize itself in 1967. Two \$10.00 per ton increases were passed on to The American Legion Magazine during the twelve months of 1966.

Examination of the Advertising Department will show conclusively how fast the sales staff must run in order to stand still. The slight gain in ad volume does not tell the story. In order to achieve that position, it was necessary to obtain almost 50% in new business to offset the mortality setbacks.

The American Legion Magazine is now measured by Starch, Simmons and Brand Rating Index, so that our sales personnel may have some ammunition in attempting to influence advertisers to utilize the magazine for advertising messages. These analytical studies, recognized by ad agencies and their clients, are necessary in today's critical

evaluation of media. We should learn in 1967 whether agencies and advertisers will buy our marketing concept of *net unduplicated reach*.

One of the brighter aspects of The American Legion Magazine is the Editorial Department. Generally speaking, the mail is most favorable and supports the format established by those responsible for the magazine. Constant attention is being given with a view toward improving the product and making it more interesting and attractive. This is an ever present challenge.

During 1966 the use of cartoons as a means of illustrating serious articles was initiated, and with good results.

This imaginative approach and the desire to make the



American Legion Magazine Circulation Manager Dean Nelson supervises the destruction of more than 2.5 million Pollard Alling aluminum plates, which reduced the old mailing list to about 2.5 tons of scrap metal. The new mailing lists, on magnetic tape, weigh about 60 pounds for the total list and requires about 2 percent as much storage space.

publication a credit to The American Legion could be "shot down" if the rising cost problem, aggravated by a possible upward revision in postal rates, is not resolved.



Emblem Sales

Julius Levy (Pennsylvania), *Chairman*
James E. Whitfield (Missouri), *Manager*

The American Legion emblem is the exclusive property of the National Headquarters. The sale of the emblem, emblem pins, merchandise carrying the emblem, and other items of organizational equipment is the responsibility of the National Emblem Committee and the National Emblem Sales office, located at National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The following tables show gross sales, net earnings, etc., for the entire calendar year 1966 and for the first three months of 1967.

January 1 to March 31, 1966 (3 months)

Gross sales	\$ 398,020.87
Cost of goods sold	257,062.17
Overhead	88,050.01
Operating profit including discounts taken.....	55,429.17
Less Distribution from Profits	
Commission to Auxiliary	9,938.62
Net Profit to National Organization.....	45,490.55

January 1 to December 31, 1966 (12 months)

Gross sales	\$1,627,127.00
Cost of goods sold	1,087,847.34
Overhead	377,287.96
Operating profit including discounts taken.....	173,638.23
Less Distribution from Profits	
Commission to Auxiliary	15,998.37
Net Profit to National Organization.....	157,639.86

The American Legion

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The new EDP equipment also permits personalizing, for the first time, of American Legion membership cards. The individual Legionnaire's name and address, Post number, membership card number, Department, and identification code all appear on the 1968 membership cards.



William F. Lenker
Rehabilitation

REHABILITATION COMMISSION

William F. Lenker (South Dakota), *Chairman*

John J. Corcoran (New York), *Director*

Undoubtedly, the most important development that has occurred in the field of veterans affairs since adjournment of the 1966 National Convention was the special message the President sent to Congress, January 31, 1967, dealing with America's servicemen and veterans.

In addition to recommending the enactment of legislation comparable to objectives sought by The American Legion, the President made pronouncements reiterating the principle that war veterans should be recognized as deserving of special consideration in our society.

The President's recommendations to Congress included the following: that Vietnam veterans who served on or after August 5, 1964, be granted benefits equal to those granted their comrades of World Wars I, II, and Korea; that pension rates be increased; that safeguards be enacted to assure that no veteran will have his pension reduced as a result of increases in federal retirement benefits; that the minimum and maximum amounts of

Servicemen's Group Life insurance be increased to \$12,000 and \$30,000, respectively; and that educational allowance under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1966 (PL 89-358) be expanded.

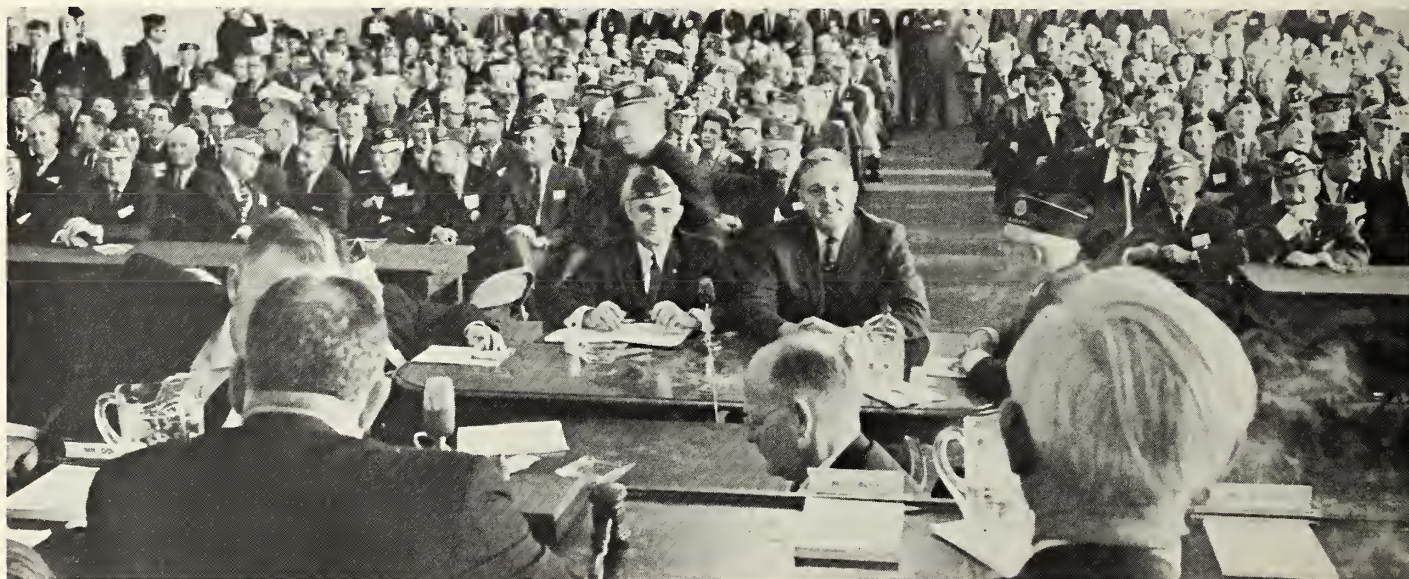
As far as can be determined, this is the first time in history that a President of the United States sent a message to Congress recommending such broad beneficial legislation in behalf of veterans and their dependents. Beyond that, however, a most significant aspect of the message is the fact that for several years it was the position of the White House that veterans and their dependents should look to general welfare programs for the meeting of any of their needs not directly related to military service. Conversely, in his special message, the President stated:

"Although many of these (Great Society) proposals will have an important relationship to programs for veterans and their survivors it is important that we do more—we must make certain that they do not adversely affect the pensions paid to those veterans and dependents who are eligible for both benefits."

In other words, the President reiterated the principle that the man who served is a member of a special group deserving of special consideration.

Further, he directed the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with leading veterans groups, to conduct a study of the veterans affairs program aimed, in part, at insuring "that our government is meeting fully its responsibility to those to whom we owe so much."

The Administrator appointed a "Veterans Advisory Commission" to conduct this study. Its Chairman is Robert M. McCurdy, long-time Chairman of our National Rehabilitation Commission. As this report is being written, the Advisory Commission is in the process of conducting hearings throughout the country to obtain the views of those interested in veterans affairs as to how the veterans benefits program could be improved.



National Commander John E. Davis prepares to deliver American Legion testimony before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs on current Legion Legislative-Rehabilitation concerns. A standing-room-only crowd of Legion leaders fills the hearing room.

It would be impossible to overestimate the importance of this study. The conclusions reached by the Veterans Advisory Commission will influence, and perhaps determine, the future course of veterans affairs.

The reaction of the 90th Congress to the President's message will be reflected in S-16, the Veterans Pension and Readjustment Act of 1967, if this measure is enacted. S-16 passed the Senate February 7, 1967, and passed the House, amended, March 20, 1967. It has been returned to the Senate for further consideration and there is a strong possibility it will be further amended.

In its present form, S-16 provides certain wartime benefits for Vietnam conflict veterans who served on or after August 5, 1964; certain other benefits for those who served subsequent to January 31, 1955; VA pension program amendments; and, amendments of the Veterans Readjustment Benefits Act of 1966.

The Veterans Administration's medical and hospital program was the subject of recent hearings conducted by the Subcommittee on Hospitals, House Committee on Veterans Affairs. At the time of his appearance before this Subcommittee, April 11, 1967, and also in a statement presented to the Subcommittee on Independent Offices,

House Committee on Appropriations, April 19, 1967, John Corcoran, Rehabilitation Commission Director, stressed the need for Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to permit the Veterans Administration's Department of Medicine and Surgery to maintain a level of medical excellence, second to none, in treating the veterans of our nation's wars. He made particular reference to the salary structure of doctors, nurses, and other personnel employed in the Department of Medicine and Surgery and the provision of funds for construction and modernization of VA medical and hospital facilities.

Though the President's special message to Congress was most gratifying, there are still those both in and out of government who seek to relegate the cause of war veterans to an inferior position in terms of programs operated in the federal government. We must be alert to their efforts and continue to meet this challenge.

Today, The American Legion is welcoming into its ranks Vietnam conflict veterans. Let us seize the opportunity to introduce these young men to our rehabilitation program and to encourage their active participation in every phase of this program. Their youth, vigor, talents, and enthusiasm are vitally needed to carry out this great humanitarian service.



Let's talk rehabilitation, and what else could be the subject when the trio pictured above gets together. The Legion's long-time Rehabilitation Commission Chairman, Robert M. McCurdy (right) of Pasadena, Calif., gets his message across to National Commander Davis and Congressman Olin E. Teague, of Texas, Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.



Emmett G. Lenihan
National Security

NATIONAL SECURITY

Emmett G. Lenihan (Washington), *Chairman*
James R. Wilson (Pennsylvania), *Director*

The purpose of the National Security Commission and Committees is to "secure peace for the people of the U.S. through National Security." Through programming and legislative activities the National Security Commission and Division have earnestly sought to achieve this objective in concert with like-minded organizations and individuals.

As The American Legion approaches its 50th year of service to God and Country, it can look back on its many accomplishments with a sense of satisfaction for what has gone well and reflect on what might have been had its mandates on national security been fully accepted.

This past year the main thrust of our efforts has been directed toward programs in support of Law and Order, yet the other important aspects of national defense were not in any way diminished or neglected.

John E. Davis designated Law and Order as his priority program soon after his election as National Commander. Prompted by his grave concern over the growing magnitude of the problem he said:

"It has long been my firm conviction that public support for law and order and government by law is imperative to the well-being of the citizens of the United States as a basic defense against anarchy."

As the initial step in putting the program into full swing, Commander Davis directed a personal letter to all Department Commanders. In it he urged the immediate formation of Department Law and Order Committees comprised of attorneys, educators, law enforcement officials, the clergy and representatives of the news media to implement this program among the posts and units in each department. The response was a resounding approval followed by a veritable avalanche of reports on what departments, posts and units were doing in their own way for law and order. To support state and local efforts, Certificates of Achievement, bumper stickers, coloring posters, and prepared speeches were developed

and distributed by National Headquarters in the tens of thousands.

This year, 1967, is a critical one indeed. Major decisions, on which hinge the fate of the nation are called for on such vital issues as: extension of the Universal Military Training and Service Act; the deployment of an anti-ballistic missile defense; an advanced manned strategic bomber and a nuclear Navy.

The majority of 1966 National Convention mandates on national security called for legislative action by the Congress, or administrative action by the Secretaries of the Military Services. To this end, heads of the military departments, including the Secretary of Defense, were formally notified of the Legion's position as it concerned their Service.

In support of its legislative position, representatives of The American Legion testified on three separate occasions before congressional committees.

The first took place on April 14 when National Commander John E. Davis appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee to testify on the Universal Military Training and Service Act. He urged the extension of the present Act with retention of full authority by local and state draft boards and vigorously opposed a lottery type selection system on grounds it violates the principle of placing the individual where his service would be most needed by the nation. Commander Davis noted that The American Legion historically has supported adequate Armed Forces for the United States and has traditionally taken the position that the privilege and duty of serving in the Armed Forces should be shared as widely as possible.

On May 4, 1967, Emmett G. Lenihan, Chairman of the National Security Commission, accompanied by Granville S. Ridley, Chairman of the National Security Council, presented testimony to the House Armed Services Committee. His testimony reaffirmed American Legion support for a four-year extension of the Universal Military Training and Service Act based on a 14-point resolution adopted by the National Executive Committee the previous day.



In keeping with American Legion tradition of keeping well informed on matters pertaining to the national security, Commander Davis visits with American troops and allied forces in South Vietnam.



Commander Davis presents American Legion testimony on extension of Selective Service Act before the Senate Armed Services Committee. Granville S. Ridley, chairman of the Legion's National Security Council (right), accompanied the National Commander.

On May 15 of this year James R. Wilson, Director of the National Security Commission, appeared before the Defense Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives to outline the views of The American Legion with respect to our national defenses. The majority of resolutions adopted by the 1966 National Convention pertain to weapon systems for which funds must be appropriated.

Heavy stress was laid on the need for: immediate deployment of an anti-ballistic missile system; production of an advanced manned strategic aircraft; opposition to further reorganization of the Reserve components; and the incorporation of nuclear power in all new naval construction. The Committee was requested to provide the Armed Forces with necessary funds for personnel, equipment, hardware and supplies needed to assure our military superiority and to pursue the war in Vietnam to a military victory.

Increased emphasis has been given programs in support of the Merchant Marine, the ROTC programs, and our Blood Donor activities.

Merchant Marine

Symbolic of The American Legion's steadfast support of a strong modern U. S. Merchant Marine Fleet, was the honor accorded this year by United States Lines in naming the latest addition to its fleet the "S. S. American Legion."



The American Legion's most important annual maritime award, the Robert L. Hague American Legion Merchant Marine Trophy, was presented this year to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation, one of the world's largest shipbuilding companies. The award ceremonies took place in the U. S. Senate Office Building where Senator Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, presented the trophy to Donald A. Holden, President and Chairman of the Board.



The Robert L. Hague American Legion Merchant Marine Trophy, the Legion's annual Maritime Award, is presented for 1967 to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co.

ROTC

A concerted drive over the past four years to achieve American Legion interest and participation in the ROTC program has produced gratifying results. The American Legion's role in the enactment of the ROTC Revitalization Act of 1964 was a good beginning. A general re-vamping of our ROTC Medal Awards program with the help and support of the Army, Navy and Air Force was followed by a nation wide education and promotion effort to engage the interest and help of posts and units.

Blood Donor Program

The Department of Rhode Island with 100% of its posts participating, and Missouri with 41% of its members active donors, provided the incentive for The American Legion Blood Donor program to scale new heights this year. Missouri and Rhode Island were winners of the National Commander's Awards. In all, forty-two departments actively engaged in the blood program which is helping to meet a vital community and national need.

The aims of The American Legion in national security can be likened to the words of the late President John F. Kennedy who said: "The primary purpose of our arms is peace, not war—to make certain that they will never have to be used—to deter all wars, general or limited, nuclear or conventional, large or small—to convince all potential aggressors any attack would be futile—to provide backing for diplomatic settlement of disputes—to insure the adequacy of our bargaining power for an end to the arms race."



Clarence C. Horton
Legislative

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

Clarence C. Horton (Alabama), *Chairman*
Herald E. Stringer (Alaska), *Director*

90th Congress, 1st Session

The primary purpose of the National Legislative Commission is to carry out the legislative objectives of The American Legion as expressed in resolutions (mandates) of National Conventions and the National Executive Committee. This purpose has remained essentially unchanged since the establishment of the Commission in 1919 when it was then known as the Legislative Bureau. Other important functions are to keep the membership informed of Congressional action on legislation of concern to the veteran and to seek support for our program from the membership of the Legion and the Auxiliary.

Resolutions pertaining to federal legislation continue in effect throughout a numbered term of Congress, such as the present 90th. Thus, every two years, The American Legion takes a new look at its legislative program.

Resolutions adopted at the 1966 National Convention and at two subsequent meetings of the National Executive Committee form the basis of our legislative program for the 1st session of the 90th Congress. Our legislative portfolio now contains 141 resolutions with additional mandates expected to be approved at the 1967 National Convention.

During the 1st session of the 90th Congress which convened on January 10, representatives of The American Legion have appeared before Congressional committees on numerous occasions in support of legislation to accomplish segments of our program. Included among these appearances was the National Commander's presentation to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs during the annual Washington Conference and his testimony to the Senate Committee on Armed Services outlining our position on Selective Service.

Major legislative objectives this year include enactment of non-service connected pension increases and wartime benefits for Vietnam era veterans comparable to those granted veterans of prior wars. These measures were lost in the closing days of the 89th Congress due

to opposition of the administration and the failure of the House and Senate to resolve their differences on these two subjects.

After adjournment of the 89th Congress, through our Legislative Bulletin and by other means, the membership of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary were urged to express to the President and the members of Congress their disappointment at the failure of the administration and the Congress to provide these urgently needed benefits.

The response from Legionnaires and Auxiliary members throughout the country contributed significantly to the events which resulted in the President's landmark message on servicemen and veterans that he sent to the Congress in January. Legislation to accomplish the two objectives mentioned above has again been introduced and is strongly supported by The American Legion.

The National Legislative Commission is sponsoring legislation in both the House and Senate to authorize the striking of a commemorative medal for use in the observance of the 50th Anniversary of The American Legion.

We are striving to accomplish a number of other legislative objectives this year including improvement in service-connected compensation; voluntary prayer in schools and other public buildings, and a federal statute providing penalties for desecration of the flag of the United States.

The Legislative Commission has met once since the last National Convention and subcommittees thereof have been called into session twice in connection with meetings of the National Executive Committee.



Legislative Director Herald Stringer and Commander Davis check out a point prior to the Commander's delivery of testimony.

Your Commission and staff have had excellent co-operation and assistance from National Commander John E. Davis and from all national officers, Commissions and Divisions of The American Legion. We also continue to receive strong and effective support for our program from the American Legion Auxiliary. To the National Commander, Officers and Commissions of The American Legion; to National President, Mrs. A. J. Ryan, National Legislative Chairman, Catherine Staidl, and the other officers and members of the American Legion Auxiliary, we express the gratitude of the Commission and its staff for their splendid cooperation.



American Legion leaders and leaders of both parties in the United States Senate get together at legislative luncheon and exchange views early in Commander Davis' term of office.



The American Legion first national Legislative Award is presented to Oliver Meadows, staff director for the House Committee on Veterans Affairs. Presentation is made by Commander Davis during Washington Conference.



Thomas E. Whelan
Foreign Relations

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Thomas E. Whelan (North Dakota), *Chairman*
William F. Hauck (Indiana), *Executive Director of*
the Washington Office and Staff Liaison to the
National Foreign Relations Commission

In its foreign relations program, The American Legion's primary concern continues to be that of the Vietnam Conflict and how best to bring it to an early and honorable conclusion. The controlling resolution (No. 154), adopted on this serious problem at the last National Convention, contained seven major points, all in support of continued U.S. assistance to South Vietnam and support of our fighting men there.

Specifically, the Washington Conference urged "the taking of more vigorous measures—as military judgment determines necessary—for halting the flow of communist forces and supplies into South Vietnam, including the positive interdiction of the Ho Chi Minh trail and the destruction of enemy supplies and supply facilities wherever same may be found and by whatever means are required." The resolution also pointed up the enemy's use of "neutral" territory as sanctuary, and the need to deal with this growing problem.

The position taken on Vietnam by the delegates to the 1966 Convention has stood the test of time remarkably well in view of developments since then. Expansion of the air war against North Vietnam, strongly advocated in our policy statement, has taken place and has been supported by the great majority of Americans. Also, the weight of public opinion now appears to favor our call for conducting the war more in keeping with military considerations, including pursuit of the enemy across South Vietnam's borders when deemed necessary for the protection of our forces.

Soon after his election, National Commander John E. Davis personally visited South Vietnam in order to gain a fuller understanding of the complexities of that war and of the difficulties faced by the U.S. and its allies in

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the field. During his eight-day tour there, he talked with our civilian and military leaders in Saigon and with our fighting men of all ranks, in all service branches, throughout South Vietnam. His visits with combat units ranged from Phu Quoc Island in the Gulf of Siam, to the south, to the Carrier U.S.S. Ticonderoga operating in the Gulf of Tonkin, to the north.

In his numerous subsequent speeches and press conferences, Commander Davis gave voice to all aspects of the convention resolution: but, based upon his own observations and impressions, he stressed three points: Cambodian "sanctuary;" the political restrictions on full use of our military power, especially as concerns targets in the north; and, the problem of re-supply through the Port of Haiphong. These three points received further study by both the Foreign Relations and the National Security Commissions during the Washington Conference in March, and were developed in fuller detail in a joint resolution (No. 25) which the National Executive Committee adopted at its May meeting, upon recommendation of both Commissions. This additional expression of Legion policy on Vietnam has been given considerable publicity, along with the basic resolution discussed above.

The National Executive Committee adopted two other resolutions at that meeting based upon the report of the Foreign Relations Commission. These were: Resolution No. 18, calling for a cessation of all trade with any Soviet bloc country which is actively supporting North Vietnam; and Resolution No. 51, deploring Britain's selling strategic goods to Cuba while we are at the same time boycotting Rhodesia in order to support our British allies.

The Foreign Relations Commission and its staff have been actively engaged in a number of other projects having to do with 1966 Convention resolutions in the area of foreign policy. These include: legislative efforts opposing Senate ratification of the Consular Convention with the U.S.S.R.; development of a comprehensive statement of the Legion's position on the United Nations; preparation of a detailed study of the background of the current Panama Canal situation; collection of materials and information in opposition to the administration's proposals to expand East-West trade; continuing study of Red China in relation to our opposition to its being admitted to the U.N.

In addition, information has been collected routinely on all other international issues which bear on the vital interests of the United States, including the Middle East crisis, the Rhodesian developments, and the continuing efforts of Castro to subvert the rest of Latin America.

It is expected that the results of these fact-finding projects will be available for the benefit of the delegates to the 1967 National Convention, and particularly those assigned to its Committee on Foreign Relations.



National Commander John E. Davis chat with Secretary of State Dean Rusk during reception hosted by the State Department Post of The American Legion for the Legion's National Security Commission.



William P. Bundy, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, and Commander Davis meet informally prior to Mr. Bundy's appearance as guest speaker before the National Commander's banquet for the National Executive Committee at the 1967 spring meetings.



Harold P. Redden
Finance

FINANCE

Harold P. Redden (Massachusetts), *Chairman*
Francis Polen (Indiana), *National Treasurer*
Robert R. Fleming (Indiana), *National Comptroller*

The 10-member National Finance Commission has the task of establishing the annual budget. While the National Convention is the governing body and sets the amount of annual dues, the convention does not have the authority to expend funds or to obligate the National Organization financially. This right has been reserved for the National Executive Committee.

Our 1966 operation has continued the pattern of an operating surplus which was initiated with the full effect of our last dues increase in 1964, with a net income for

1966 of \$628,969.36, from which we allocated \$150,000 to a reserve for the expenses of the 50th Anniversary celebration, \$47,652.14 for the completion of the conversion of our mailing list to a computerized operation, and the remaining balance was transferred to our reserve and restricted funds, which are hedges against possible future financial difficulties of your National Organization. The Commission is happy to report that on December 31, 1966, we have more than sufficient investments and cash on deposit to pay our liabilities and fully fund our restricted capital funds and the advance payment of dues.

The National Treasurer in following our policy of investing our excess cash, from advance payment of dues, in U. S. Treasury Bills and other government securities, in 1966 was able to generate better than \$120,000 of interest income. Due to the tight money situation in the United States last fall, when the interest rates on U. S. Treasury bills was over 5%, the National Treasurer was able to invest much of our 1967 advance payment of dues at those favorable rates, which will assure us of a like return this year. While we will continue to enjoy an income from this sound financial management of our surplus cash we cannot anticipate as high a dollar income in the future, since currently the rate of these short term government securities has fallen below 4%.

In conclusion I would like to call to your attention that our surplus for 1966 is dependent entirely on our return from the magazine and the emblem division.

A condensed financial statement, income and surplus statements for the year ending December 31, 1966, as prepared by our auditors, will be found elsewhere in the annual report.

American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation

Harry W. Colmery (Kansas), *President*

In the year 1925, foreseeing the necessity for a regular annual income to support its war veterans Rehabilitation and Child Welfare programs, The American Legion conducted a national campaign for contributions to support those two programs. The proceeds from the campaign were placed in the custody of The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation as Trustee, a goal of five million dollars having been set and generous contributions being received.

The Corporation was incorporated in 1925 under the laws of the State of Delaware and a Trust Agreement was

entered into between The American Legion and the Corporation under which the funds were administered by the Corporation and the annual net income therefrom was paid to The American Legion for the use of the two programs described.

The financial condition of the Endowment Fund is summarized as shown below for each of the five preceding years. The figures shown being taken from the annual external audits of George S. Olive & Company, Indianapolis, Indiana.

	December 31, 1966	December 31, 1965	December 31, 1964	December 31, 1963	December 31, 1962
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,237,669.00	\$7,237,232.25	\$7,235,866.61	\$7,234,188.69	\$7,225,049.00
Net interest received.....	241,750	238,853.93	249,974.57	232,067.08	232,929.54
Expense	8,460	8,061.14	8,172.01	7,596.48	7,887.14
Excess of income over expense	233,290	230,792.79	241,802.56	224,470.61	225,042.40
Earnings transferred or due to The American Legion	233,290	230,792.79	241,802.56	224,584.24	225,042.40
Yield on average book value of securities (per cent)	3.23%	3.31	3.46	3.21	3.26

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April 26, 1967

Mr. John E. Davis, National Commander,
The American Legion
National Headquarters,
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir:

We have examined the condensed statement of financial condition of The American Legion National Headquarters, as of December 31, 1966, and the related statement of income and unallocated unrestricted surplus for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of The American Legion National Headquarters at December 31, 1966, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Yours very truly,

Geo. S. Olive & Co.
Certified Public Accountants

The American Legion National Headquarters

Statement of Income and Unallocated Unrestricted Surplus, Year Ended December 31, 1966

INCOME:

National dues	\$ 1,916,255.25
Sons of The American Legion dues (net of expenses).....	6,212.58
Earnings from investments.....	136,917.96
	<u>2,059,385.79</u>
Net income (loss):	
Publications Division	412,170.77
Emblem Division	157,639.86
American Legion Junior Baseball.....	(51,428.98)
	<u>518,381.65</u>
	<u>2,577,767.44</u>

EXPENSE:

Administration	760,691.32
Economic	75,628.50
Americanism	160,586.54
Legislative	118,817.67
Public relations	158,533.49
Executive	522,225.22
Security	93,431.78
Finance	94,772.56
National Convention	172,836.60
Membership Life Insurance program	25,555.63
Show Your Colors Program.....	23,657.42
	<u>2,206,736.73</u>
Less: Allocation to Rehabilitation
	<u>2,206,736.73</u>
	<u>371,030.71</u>

OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):

Convention program	11,415.00
Membership Life Insurance program.....	25,097.81
Interest earned	11,749.48
Cafeteria operating loss	(3,915.56)
Miscellaneous income	12,254.38
	<u>56,601.11</u>

NET INCOME	427,631.82
UNALLOCATED UNRESTRICTED SURPLUS, JANUARY 1, 1966.....	67,377.09
	<u>495,008.91</u>

REDUCTIONS:

Allocations per National Finance Commission resolutions—note 2	694,293.97
Allocation for additions to Washington, D. C. building	2,052.48
Partial reinstatement of reserve for mailing list conversion as unrestricted funds—amount equal to 1966 expenditures charged to current operations— note 2	(201,337.54)
	<u>495,008.91</u>

UNALLOCATED UNRESTRICTED SURPLUS, DECEMBER 31, 1966.....	\$
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

The American Legion National Headquarters

Comparative Condensed Statement of Financial Condition

<i>Assets</i>	1966	December 31 1965
CURRENT FUNDS:		
Cash on deposit and on hand.....	\$ 1,635,341.09	\$ 1,328,191.18
Note and accounts receivable.....	349,323.02	223,885.88
Inventories—at cost	403,719.41	417,710.46
Prepaid expenses, deferred charges and sundry.....	61,387.07	89,723.75
	2,449,770.59	2,059,511.27
 Investments:		
United States Treasury bills—at cost.....	2,144,648.94	1,761,978.67
United States Treasury bonds and municipal bonds—at amortized cost.....	2,656,409.90	2,550,042.07
Uninvested cash and purchased interest.....	790.04	8,446.76
	4,801,848.88	4,320,467.50
 Furniture, fixtures and equipment—net.....	211,341.88	211,097.98
Real estate—new building and site, Washington, D. C.—at cost.....	821,521.81	819,469.33
	1,032,863.69	1,030,567.31
 Total current funds.....	8,284,483.16	7,410,546.08
 NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS:		
Uninvested cash	19,929.25	28,305.63
Accounts receivable	14,171.04	15,961.43
Investments—at amortized cost.....	4,118,958.68	3,904,875.26
	4,153,058.97	3,949,142.32
	\$12,437,542.13	\$11,359,688.40

See accompanying notes to financial statements.
Indianapolis, Indiana
April 26, 1967

<i>Liabilities And Funds</i>		December 31
	1966	1965
CURRENT FUNDS:		
Accounts payable and sundry.....	\$ 1,368,468.52	\$ 856,567.02
Employees' withholdings	14,374.99	37,690.51
Accrued taxes	4,664.19	6,950.28
Deferred income (dues and subscriptions paid in advance, etc.).....	3,513,662.00	3,550,677.46
	<u>4,901,169.70</u>	<u>4,451,885.27</u>
Fund balances:		
Restricted as to use:		
Reserve for Mailing List Conversion—note 3.....	135,349.44	289,034.84
Other current restricted funds.....	27,736.50	37,577.82
Rehabilitation Fund	483,406.59	528,607.84
Child Welfare Fund.....	130,551.29	124,025.71
Reserve Fund	300,282.72	25,119.11
50th Anniversary Fund.....	150,000.00
Restricted Fund—note 2.....	1,056,147.80	804,021.82
Convention Fund	60,000.00	60,000.00
Real Estate Fund.....	821,521.81	819,469.33
Unrestricted surplus:		
Allocated to accumulated depreciation— new building, Washington, D. C.....	218,317.31	203,427.25
Unallocated	67,377.09
	<u>3,383,313.46</u>	<u>2,958,660.81</u>
Total current funds	<u>8,284,483.16</u>	<u>7,410,546.08</u>
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS:		
Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund balance.....	291,779.75	290,401.97
Employees' Retirement Trust Fund balance.....	3,861,279.22	3,658,740.35
	<u>4,153,058.97</u>	<u>3,949,142.32</u>
	<u>\$12,437,542.13</u>	<u>\$11,359,688.40</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1966

NOTE 1—Membership Life Insurance Program:

Under the terms of a trust agreement executed by and between The American Legion as Trustor and The First National Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, as Trustee in connection with The American Legion's Life Insurance Plan, there is extant a Trust Fund, legal title to which is vested exclusively in the Trustee. The accumulated earnings from the trust fund and the experience rating refunds and dividends from the insurers (which combined to a total of approximately \$1,033,824.11 as of December 31, 1966) may be used, as directed by the Trustor, for any one or more of the following purposes:

- a—to increase the fund
- b—to reduce or pay in full premiums thereafter due on the group insurance
- c—to provide additional life insurance benefits for the participants
- d—to make refunds to the participants
- e—to make distributions to The American Legion to be used in the support of its activities and programs serving the interests of the Legion and its members, provided that such distributions are not disapproved in writing by a majority of its insured members.

NOTE 2—Allocations From Unrestricted Current Funds:

During the year ended December 31, 1966, the Finance Commission authorized certain allocations from the Legion's unrestricted current funds as follows:

- (A) \$221,478 to the Restricted Fund pursuant to a resolution adopted by The American Legion Tenth Annual Convention which provides that as of December 31 each year, the National Finance Commission is to set aside in a restricted fund at least 50 per cent of the Legion's net surplus accruing during each fiscal year.

In January 1967, cash representing this allocation of funds was transferred to the American Fletcher National Bank and Trust Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, as trustee of the Restricted Fund.

- (B) \$275,163 to the Reserve Fund representing expendable capital of the organization but restricted as to use by action of the Legion in its national convention and by action of the National Executive Committee.
- (C) \$47,652 to the Mailing List Conversion Reserve to provide additional funds for the conversion to and operation of a computerized mailing system for the Publications Division to comply with postal zip code regulations.
- (D) \$150,000 to the 50th Anniversary Reserve to provide funds for the planning and celebration of The American Legion's 50th Anniversary.

The Mailing List Conversion Reserve was reduced \$201,337 by a transfer back to unrestricted current funds representing the 1966 expenditures toward this project which have been treated as current operating expenses of the Publications Division in arriving at net income for 1966 as reflected in the accompanying statement of income and expense. Taking into account prior years' allocations and expenditures for this project together with the current year's activity, \$135,349 remained in this reserve as of December 31, 1966.



James V. Demarest
National Convention

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMISSION

James V. Demarest (New York), *Chairman*
William H. Miller (Oregon), *Director*

The National Convention Commission has, since the National Convention in Washington, D. C., received bids from cities throughout the United States to host a future National Convention. Bids have been received from Chicago, Indianapolis, Miami Beach, Philadelphia, Portland, St. Louis, and Houston to name but a few. The great interest displayed by cities is an indication of the value which has been placed upon convention business. It is a known fact that without this great revenue producing source, many hotels in the United States today would be unable to survive.

Tentative convention awards have been made to Milwaukee 1968, Atlanta 1969, New Orleans 1970, and Phoenix 1971. These awards will not become firm until the time of the fall National Executive Committee meeting in the year prior to the holding of each convention.

The Washington, D. C., Convention was well received by all who attended and approximately 18,000 registrations were received by the D. of C. Corporation. The Corporation embodies a working force of approximately 500 persons, all serving on committees under the Board of Directors. This great number of volunteer personnel illustrates the magnitude and scope of the responsibilities presented to the local Convention Corporation. While the broad planning and the selection of convention sites are the responsibility of the Convention Commission, the financing and local arrangements are the responsibility of the Convention Corporation which is formed in each Convention City.

Because it is the aim of the Convention Corporation to keep its "Outline of Requirements" for National Conventions current, it is necessary to make certain changes in this outline from time to time. Additionally, it is necessary at times to make changes in the conduct of National Contests, which are held in conjunction with each National Convention. All changes affecting the contests are initiated by the Contest Supervisory Committee.

The Convention Commission keeps in constant contact with representatives from those cities which have received tentative convention awards to insure that adequate facilities will be readily available.

National Contests Supervisory Committee

Donald P. Birkett (Iowa), *Chairman*

During the past year a substantial increase has been noted in the number of musical and drill units participating in our program. Approximately 150 American Legion sponsored Uniformed Groups have been added to our mailing list. These are all groups that compete and parade at American Legion Conventions in their respective states. Most of the groups aspire to competing in the big show, The American Legion National Contests and Parade of Champions.

Regrettably, there is continuing decrease in the number of participating senior groups. We are hopeful that this trend will be reversed by the young men from the Vietnam Conflict who are now joining our ranks in substantial numbers.

Washington, D. C. Contests

Approximately 150 groups competed in the various contests and paraded in the parade during the 1966 American Legion National Convention in Washington, D. C.

To obtain suitable sites, we were compelled to hold some of our contests several miles from the downtown area. This created some travel problems. However, this inconvenience was minimized by a well organized and efficient local committee which had set up an excellent transportation schedule.

The winners of the 1966 National Competition are as follows:

Senior Drum and Bugle Corps—HAWTHORNE CABBALLEROS, Post 199, New Jersey.

Junior Drum and Bugle Corps—CAVALIERS, Post 985, Illinois.

Senior Color Guard—FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, Post 985, Illinois.

Junior Color Guard—TROOPERS, Post 2, Wyoming.

Firing Squad—MONMOUTH COUNTY RIFLES, Post 338, New Jersey.

Senior Band—A. R. McALLISTER, Post 5, Illinois.

Junior Band—RACINE ELKS YOUTH, Post 310, Wisconsin.

Chorus—SINGING LEGIONNAIRES, Post 15, South Dakota.

Quartet—LEGION FOUR, Post 23, Wisconsin.

A military officer traditionally takes the salutes of the competing units of the Parade of Champions. Lieutenant (j.g.) James B. McMahon, USN, does the honors for a portion of the event at the 1966 finals in D. C. Stadium.



AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS



Mrs. A. J. Ryan (second from left), National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, accompanied by the Auxiliary's National Child Welfare Chairman Mrs. Arthur B. Hannell (left), and National Rehabilitation Chairman, Mrs. Vernon H. Randall (right), presents three checks totaling \$50,000 from the Auxiliary to National Commander John E. Davis for use in the Legion's Child Welfare and Rehabilitation work, and for the use of the Legion's Child Welfare Foundation.

The American Legion Auxiliary, nearly a million strong, has through the years marched stride for stride with The American Legion assisting mightily with the implementation of Legion national programs and policies as well as supplementing those programs with similar projects of their own.

The Auxiliary does not confine its efforts to those areas where one would normally expect to find "women at work," in such fields as the Rehabilitation, Child Welfare and Americanism programs of the Legion. Instead, they actively participate in and assist with the total program of the Legion including the Legislative and National Security interests in which The American Legion is concerned.

The Auxiliary is one of the leading organizations co-sponsoring the annual Women's Forum on National Security, which is conducted in the nation's capital, and which commands the attention of top government officials who recognize and respect the powerful influence of women's organizations in national and international affairs.

Mrs. A. J. Ryan, National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, has, during her term of office, traveled as extensively as has the Legion's National Commander, carrying the message of faith and confidence in the future of this great country throughout the land and into foreign countries. She has been active in The American Legion Auxiliary's Memorial Poppy program almost from its inception, and brought to that project this year a wealth of experience which contributed substantially to its success.

The Auxiliary's affiliate organization, La Boutique des Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes (Eight and Forty), each year has given substantial support to such specialized fields as research and rehabilitation in the areas of cystic fibrosis and tuberculosis, and the 1966-67 year has been no exception.

The American Legion Life Insurance And Trust Committee

William S. Todd (Tennessee), *Chairman*
Paul L. Weber (Nebraska) *Staff Liaison*

The American Legion Life Insurance Plan produced its ninth consecutive year of growth and achieved many important goals. It has two definite and clear objectives: (1) to attract and stabilize membership in The American Legion; and (2) to provide funds for program activities in The American Legion.

A dominant feature of The American Legion Life Insurance Plan is in the benefits paid to the loved ones of former insured Legionnaires. In nine years 3,800 claims were paid, amounting to \$4,486,187.50 in benefits. During 1966 alone, an average of \$81,373.00 was paid each month. These benefits were paid at no cost to the National Organization of The American Legion and at no expense to the membership. It can be safely reported, the Insurance Plan has truly proven itself a self-sustaining program. Your Insurance Committee has met three times since the 1966 National Convention and is able to report again that the Plan has continued to move forward and make improvements. The 15% "across the board" increase in benefits effective January 1, 1966, has been continued for the year of 1967, plus the extension of the age limitation from 70 to 75 with no increase in premium.

Another item of major importance was the approval of a resolution pertaining to the Vietnam Era veteran. This was the creation of a new age bracket effective January 1, 1967. Under the new provision in The American Legion Life Insurance Plan the Vietnam Era veteran may obtain \$11,500.00 reducing term insurance for an annual premium of \$24.00 for the full unit of coverage or \$5,750.00 for a half unit for \$12.00 annually. This applies up through age 29; from age 30 up through age 34 the amount payable to the beneficiary will be \$9,200.00 for the full unit and \$4,600.00 for the half unit. The other age brackets remain unchanged.

Premiums or contributions paid for life insurance protection exceeded one and one-half million dollars. After the close of each calendar year and after all claims and administrative expenses have been paid in the Group States, the unused premium is placed in The American Legion Life Insurance Trust. There is presently \$1,102,563.28 in this Trust fund. Now that this Trust has accumulated a surplus in excess of one million dollars, a resolution provides that this excess will be directed to the support of the activities and programs serving the interests of The American Legion and its members.

American Legion Life Insurance is the only official insurance Plan in all states for Legionnaires. Nearly five million applications were mailed Legionnaires in April and July, 1966 and some \$40,000.00 placed in advertising in *The American Legion Magazine*.



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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In August, 1968, the Legion's 50th Anniversary Year begins. It commemorates the ending of World War I . . . the birth of The American Legion. Go back with us. The year: 1919. The place: Paris, France. World War I was over. War weary but jubilant doughboys gathered at the American Club on Rue Gabriel. Out of this historic caucus (and the St. Louis Caucus that followed shortly afterward), came The American Legion: an organization of patriotic war veterans and dedicated citizens, wholeheartedly devoted to works for the betterment of mankind. Today, over 2½-million Legionnaires look ahead to a second half-century of continued service to God and Country.



August 23-29, 1968

50th National Convention,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

November 11, 1968

50th Anniversary of the Armistice

March 15-17, 1969

50th Anniversary of the Paris Caucus

May 8-9, 1969

50th Anniversary of the St. Louis Caucus

August 22-28, 1969

51st National Convention, Atlanta, Georgia

November 11, 1969

50th Anniversary of the 1st National
Convention of The American Legion.